

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO LANA BOLDI, UAW
REGION I-D

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a woman who has dedicated over 23 years to the United Automobile Workers, Lana Boldi. As an International Representative for UAW Region I-D, her remarkable achievements as a CAP Coordinator have brought so many families and communities together in an effort to educate and promote political action and community service. As members of UAW Region I-D gathered together on November 3, 2001 to bid farewell to Lana, a longtime friend and advocate of the labor movement, they honored her retirement with a celebration of memories, laughter, and fun.

A leader and an activist all her life, Lana Boldi was the first female apprentice in the Fisher Body Corporation. She was a past Vice President and Chairperson of the UAW/CAP Council of Kalamazoo County, Chairperson of UAW Local 488's Community Service Committee, and Chairperson of the Labor Participation Committee of the United Way in Kalamazoo County. She was a founding Chairperson and Vice President of the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) in the Kalamazoo area, and on the National Task Force of CLUW, specializing in Apprenticeships for women. Her leadership continues today, as she is Chair of the Kent County Democratic Party Executive Board, of which she has been Vice Chair of for the past five years, and continues to sit on so many other boards and committees.

Demonstrating outstanding dedication and commitment throughout the years, Lana Boldi has truly led her community in a new direction, creating and developing programs that have advanced UAW Region I-D's political and community outreach services. She was a Chairperson of the Labor Task Force for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease, a board member of the Michigan State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention group, and a board member of the Community Coordinated Child Care of Kent County. Additionally, Lana's outstanding efforts have not gone unrecognized, as she has been honored with prestigious awards from the Grand Rapids YWCA, MEA Region 9, and the Michigan House to name a few. Lana Boldi's crusade to raise the standards of activism and community outreach programs is one that will be remembered by citizens of this community for years to come.

I applaud Lana Boldi for her leadership and commitment, and thank her for dedicating her life serving her community and UAW Region I-D. I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting her for her exemplary years of service.

IN HONOR OF LORETTA A.
WASHINGTON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Loretta A. Washington in recognition of her service to her community and her commitment to God.

Loretta A. Washington was born in Brooklyn. The first of six children, she attended Wingate High School and then went on to Edison College in Florida. Her desire to succeed led her back to New York where she continued her education at Baruch College.

Loretta and her husband, Michael have two beautiful children, Chanelle and Micah. Loretta began her career in banking at Chemical Bank (before it became Chase) in the early 1980s. Starting as a teller, she worked her way up the corporate ladder. Loretta understood that education had to be at the top of her list and God at the beginning of the list. She challenged the way things were done at the branch, ruffling feathers along the way; however, she was able to win over the staff and customers with a combination of her kindness, business sense and smile.

In the summer of 1999, a Branch manager position opened at the Bedford Avenue branch and Loretta jumped at the opportunity to enhance her career. She welcomed the opportunity to make a difference in the community in which she lived her entire life.

Loretta's primary focus is to impart her financial knowledge to businesses in the community, in hopes of building and improving financial awareness for all. She is dedicated to God and the community in which he allows her to serve. Her motto is, "Let's serve the people with a smile!"

Mr. Speaker, Loretta A. Washington serves her community and her religious beliefs through her work. As such she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly dedicated spiritual woman.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES THAT VET-
ERANS DAY CONTINUE TO BE
OBSERVED ON NOVEMBER 11

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 298 sponsored by Congressman FRELINGHUYSEN that ensures November 11 remains a day solely committed to United States Veterans, a separate day from any other federal holiday, day for federal elections, or day for national observances.

Veterans Day is a day of celebration, a day of remembrance, and a day of thanks. It is a day when we celebrate the challenges that our country has faced and the moments in America's history where we have united on land, air, and sea to fight for our country and to ensure security, happiness, and safety for our world's people. It is the one day a year when we remember the men and women who sacrificed their lives' for our country, its ideals, and its foundation of personal freedom. It is a day to remember the families of the victims who may have lost a son, daughter, husband or wife during times of war. And above all, it is a day of thanks for the 25.5 million veterans today who look towards the American flag with such feeling of pride, devotion, and American spirit and who define what it is to be an American.

United States veterans truly are some of our nation's bravest citizens. They not only risked their own lives but sacrificed time away from their loved ones to protect our country. Because of their sacrifice this day of honor should remain solely theirs. Since November 11, 1919, we have been acknowledging these men and women annually. It would be a tragedy if we try to combine their memorial with other days of observance.

As Chairman of the VA/HUD Subcommittee for the past three years, I have had the privilege of working very closely with veterans and their various organizations. A day in their honor is the least we can do to acknowledge the pledge they have made to a grateful nation.

TRIBUTE TO GURMALE SINGH
GREWAL, 2001 DEVELOPER OF
THE YEAR

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a man whose leadership and achievements span the decades and who has touched the lives of so many across southeastern Michigan, Gurmale Singh Grewal, or Gary, as many of his friends and associates have come to know him. As members of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and the Apartment Association of Michigan gathered together on November 27, 2001 for their Leadership Recognition and Awards Night, they honored Gurmale Singh Grewal as their 2001 "Developer of the Year".

As Singh Development Company CEO and a distinguished businessman, Gary has demonstrated outstanding dedication and commitment to his family, work, and community for many years. Beginning in 1921, Gary's grandfather, Sarwan S. Grewal, left his village in India for the United States, heading to California and then settling in Detroit. With a

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strong interest in land and building development, Sarwan Grewal purchased the Wolverine Hotel in Detroit, which today is the current location of Comerica Park. Believing firmly in the traditions of family, hard work, and advancement, he brought his grandsons, Tahl, Lushman, Jeat, and Gurmale to the United States for their education. Upon the death of Sarwan, they unanimously agreed to carry on in their grandfather's footsteps. Gary received a degree in Business in 1973 from Wayne State University, and in that same year established the Singh Development Company, Ltd. Chosen as the company's CEO in 1973, Gurmale still heads Singh Development today, now a third generation, family-owned and operated company.

With current developments in many metropolitan Detroit area communities including Auburn Hills, Birmingham, Canton, Detroit, Novi, Northville, Rochester Hills, West Bloomfield, and Wixom, Singh developments comprise over 5,000 multi-family and senior apartments, 2,100 single family homes, and over 400,000 square feet of commercial property space. Today, Singh Development Company, Ltd. is one of the oldest Indian-owned companies in the United States.

The Grewal family is also one of the oldest Sikh Indian families in the United States, and as Sikhs carry the honor in northwest India of being the "Lions" or "Warriors" through their shared middle name Singh, they strive to protect of all that is good. The Grewal family carries the Singh name with pride, and Gary and his family truly reflect this in their business ethics and practices today.

Gary, like his grandfather before him, carries on the traditions of family, hard work, and advancement, and it is practice of these principles that has truly been the driving force in the success of Singh Development. He is a distinguished businessman, family man, and a leader in his community. It gives me great pleasure to honor Gary, for his leadership and commitment, and I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting him for his exemplary years of dedication.

IN HONOR OF BERTA MAY BARKER
DYER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Berta May Barker Dyer in recognition of her commitment to her community and her family.

Berta May Barker Dyer is a native of Costa Rica. She lived in Colon, Panama for several years before she moved to the United States and became a citizen.

Berta's first career was as an elementary-school teacher. After some consideration, she decided to put aside her career as an educator and take care of her eleven children. Recognizing the importance of education, she supported and encouraged her children's pursuit of professional careers. Several of them became professionals working in the areas of education, cosmetics, electricity, medicine, the U.S. Marines, the airline industry, and housewives. She credits her parents the late Joney Dyer de Barker and Steven Parchment with instilling the importance of education in her as well as a guiding and nurturing spirit.

At Berta's tender age of seventy-one she has a wonderful rapport with her thirty-three grandchildren and enjoys visiting with her five great grandchildren in Colon, Panama. She still finds time to read and preach to several of her grandchildren about the importance of education.

Berta is a devout Seventh Day Adventist who credits her strong religious background to her beloved stepfather, Amos Barker Clark (aka "Pa"). She is a member of several community organizations. As a retired Nursing Assistant, she acts as a missionary reaching out to the sick and shut ins throughout her Brooklyn community. In addition, Berta is an avid seamstress who crochets and embroiders as a hobby.

Mr. Speaker, Berta May Barker Dyer has lead a life dedicated to her community and her family. As such she is more than worthy of receiving this recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I would like the record to reflect that, had I been present on December 5, 2001, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call Nos. 472, 473, 474, and 475. Thank you.

NATIVE AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today the House of Representatives passed an important bill, the American Indian Small Business Development Act, and I was pleased to support it. This bill creates a three-year pilot program that would provide grants to Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) for the purpose of assisting Native Americans start or expand a small business. These pilot projects will complement programs already in place that are designed to provide culturally-tailored business development assistance by allowing Indian tribe members, Native Alaskans and Native Hawaiians to access additional one-on-one counseling and other technical assistance that is provided by the SBDCs.

I am proud of the successful work that the SBDCs perform in Minnesota. They provided support and long-term counseling services last year to over 3,500 existing and prospective businesses, including to 77 Native Americans. With the bill we passed today, they will be able to expand and respond even more to the overwhelming need for assistance in our Native American communities.

Mr. Speaker, some Tribal leaders in Minnesota are concerned that the bill today doesn't include the Native American Business Development Centers. These centers were created to address unique Native American

cultural and economic problems and opportunities that were not being addressed by the Small Business Administration. I share their concern. However, I feel that we need to create as many opportunities as possible for Native American entrepreneurs and look forward to working with the SBDCs and Minnesota tribes to make sure these resources are put to good use.

The average unemployment rate on Indian lands is 45 percent. Congress has a responsibility to make sure we support all programs that are designed to foster economic development and to assist Native Americans to create new small business opportunities. I'm pleased we addressed this issue today and look forward to working with my colleagues to make sure all programs benefiting Native Americans are fully supported by this Congress.

KEEPING THE SOCIAL SECURITY PROMISE INITIATIVE

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, the success of Social Security in reducing poverty among the elderly and providing essential income security to America's workers and their families is well known. Without Social Security, nearly half of our seniors would live in poverty. Yet Social Security faces significant financial challenge ahead. Unless we modernize the program's Depression-era financial structure, program income will not cover the full cost of paying promised benefits soon after the baby-boomers begin retiring.

Today we must make clear to every American that as we determine the best way to save Social Security for our kids and grandkids, we will not place undue burdens on today's retirees and workers by reducing benefits or increasing taxes.

Social Security provides at least half of retirement income for over two-thirds of seniors and 100 percent of income for almost 1 in 5 seniors. Reducing Social Security benefits would have serious consequences for the majority of seniors and would increase their number in poverty, which is why we must find ways to strengthen Social Security without cutting benefits.

Social Security is also one of the largest financial obligations of many families. For over three-fourths of American families, the payroll tax is their largest tax liability. Increasing this tax burden would hit low- and middle-income families the hardest. In addition, it would reduce the already low rates of return on these contributions that workers may expect. So we must find ways to strengthen Social Security without increasing taxes.

As we debate how to strengthen Social Security, we must also keep in mind the obstacles women face in ensuring financial security for themselves and their families in the event of retirement, disability or death. Social Security plays an essential role in providing income security for women, without which over half would live in poverty. As we consider program improvements, we must not consider reducing the benefits or cost-of-living increases that are so important to women.

Social Security also plays a critical role in providing financial security for minorities. African Americans are more likely to receive disability benefits. Since their life expectancy is shorter than average, survivor benefits are also important. Also, about 2/3s of African Americans and about 3 out of 5 Hispanic seniors would have income below poverty without Social Security. As we consider changes to the program, we must not reduce the benefits that are vital to preventing poverty among minorities.

As we protect Social Security for those who rely on it the most, we must also work to ensure Social Security is fair to all generations. Our kids and grandkids need us to find a way to improve the low rates of return they will receive from Social Security. For example, a single man who is 31 years old today and earns average wages can expect a rate of return on his contributions of only a little more than 1 percent, and kids born today can expect even less. We cannot, in fairness, allow this to continue.

The President's bipartisan Commission to Strengthen Social Security has talked about the unique needs of women and minorities, as well as the system's low rates of return in its Interim Report and throughout its meetings. Soon, the Commission will recommend several options for modernizing and strengthening Social Security. It's the beginning of a long road to make American's most important income security program secure far into the future.

That road will lead here to the Congress where the first and the final decisions will be made on this critical issue. My hope is those decisions will be bipartisan from the beginning, because that is the environment that the Social Security debate deserves. So let us begin today, as Congress first voices its views, and let that voice be a bipartisan one.

Mr. Speaker, it is for these reasons that I encourage all Members on both sides of the aisle to co-sponsor this critically important resolution. We must act now to assure Americans that any plan for saving Social Security will guarantee current law promised benefits, including cost-of-living adjustments, for current and future retirees without increasing taxes. Our children, our grandchildren, and future generations deserve no less.

TRIBUTE TO ALBANIAN FLAG DAY

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join the Albanian American community in celebrating the 89th anniversary of Albanian Flag Day which symbolizes Albania's independence.

On November 28, 1912 Albania declared its independence by raising its flag in the coastal town of Vlora. Since that glorious day, Albania has endured many hardships but has managed to persevere. The conflict that occurred in Kosovo only a short time ago tested Albania and its people. Albania and its proud citizens are entering into a new era of political, social, and cultural growth. They possess a focused vision of their future and will do all they feel is necessary to ensure prosperity.

The United States relationship with Albania is strong and growing stronger. This was evident when Albania pledged its support to us in the wake of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Today, the United States is enriched by the many Albanian Americans living here. They have made major contributions to nearly every facet of American society. The Albanian community adds to the wonderfully diverse American culture by sharing with us their customs and beliefs.

Mr. Speaker, I join the people of Albania, those of Albanian ancestry around the world and Albanian Americans in celebrating Albanian Flag Day. I salute all of them for the tremendous contributions to freedom and human dignity which they have made.

IN HONOR OF DOROTHY ISAAC FAUSTINO

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Dorothy Isaac Faustino in recognition of her tireless commitment to healthcare and serving those in need.

Dorothy Isaac Faustino grew up in Bedford-Stuyvesant and Long Island City. She earned her nursing diploma from Kings County Hospital Center's School of Nursing. Later, she earned her Bachelor's degree from Adelphi University. She also received Adelphi's Eileen Jacobi Leadership Award and was inducted into the National Honor Society for Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau.

Dorothy is not one to allow herself a moment's rest. Following her undergraduate education, while raising a family, working and running a Girl Scout troop for 10 years at Sacred Heart Church, in Cambria Heights, Dorothy earned a joint Master's Degree from Columbia University in Nursing and Public Health. While there she also became involved in working with the homeless. Together with several other students, Dorothy and her team developed a hand book and training curriculum for staff and volunteers working with the homeless from 1985 to 1988.

In addition, to being a tireless worker, Dorothy is a people person who has involved herself in programs that make an impact in her community, such as, teen pregnancy programs and Brooklyn's Perinatal Network—where she worked for over 12 years in the Bed-Stuy and Fort Greene communities. She collaborated with Medgar Evers College's School of Continuing Education and Fort Greene's Youth Coalition program to develop curricula and training programs for welfare recipients to become nurse's aides.

In 1987, Dorothy became Director of Nursing for Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Center. She and her staff were deeply involved in community and school based outreach programs. They provided health care and education to children and teens in the Beacon School Program in Fort Greene. In addition, Cumberland staff provided one of the first back to school campaigns to get children immunized. Dorothy and her staff also worked nights and weekends to provide health care to families in the Auburn Family Shelter, the Atlantic Avenue Men's Shelter and the Brooklyn

Emergency Assistance Unit at the Duffield Center.

Dorothy has worked with the Fort Greene Community in providing special outreach and health screening events for its senior citizens, day care centers and its middle and senior high schools. She has mentored students into various careers and continues to work with staff supporting them as their careers progress. Ms. Faustino is currently the Deputy Director for Ambulatory Care Nursing Services for the North Brooklyn Health Network. She was professionally involved in the Queens County Black Nurse's Association for over ten years.

Dorothy says she had the loving support of her husband for 34 years until his recent death and their daughters Nancy and Allison. Anyone who has worked with Dorothy knows her motto is "EACH ONE, REACH ONE, TEACH ONE".

Mr. Speaker, Dorothy Faustino has led a life dedicated to improving her community through her field of expertise, healthcare. Moreover, she has distinguished herself as a caring and committed person who brings a high sense of integrity to her life and work. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving this recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM

SPEECH OF

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution, which expresses solidarity with Israel in the fight against terrorism, and as introduced by my colleagues, House International Relations Chairman HYDE and Ranking Member LANTOS.

Last week, Israel faced another series of terrorist attacks against innocent civilians, many of them children and teenagers. An orchestrated attack on Saturday night in Jerusalem and two bus attacks in Haifa and near Afula in the north of Israel caused the deaths of 32 Israelis and injured more than 200. These attacks have focused the world's attention on the Palestinian leadership's failure and unwillingness to fight terrorism. As we have seen time and again since the launching of the September 2000 intifada, the Palestinian leadership continues to encourage violence through incitement, and through institutional cooperation among the Palestinian Authority, Hamas and Islamic Jihad. Additionally, the Palestinian leadership has shown a disturbing proclivity to release terrorists from jails and to allow them to operate freely in the territory under their control. These actions are direct violations of the agreements the Palestinians have signed with Israel and the United States.

H. Con. Res. 280 clearly outlines the steps PA Chairman Yasir Arafat and the Palestinian leadership must take—dismantle and destroy their terrorist infrastructure; arrest and prosecute the terrorists or turn them over to the Israeli government. If the Palestinians do not comply, then as provided under this bill, the President should suspend all relations with Yasir Arafat and the Palestinian Authority. The

U.S. relationship with the Palestinian leadership has been based on a commitment to renounce violence and terrorism, and to pursue a negotiated settlement with Israel. The violence carried out by suicide terrorists this past weekend comes less than 18 months after the generous compromises offered by Israel at July 2000 Camp David Summit. These compromises included a Palestinian state in all of Gaza and over 95 percent of the West bank, additional land exchanges from inside Israel and a capital in Jerusalem. The response from the Palestinian leadership has been 15 months of murder and terror.

I believe passage of this legislation is a critical step to show our nation's unity with Israeli government and the Israeli people. As a democratic nation, the government of Israel is entrusted with the responsibility to provide security for its citizens. This is nothing less than what Americans expect from their own government. Indeed, Article 51 of United Nations Charter guarantees the inherent right of all member states to self defense. The United States must stand steadfastly with the Israeli government in its fight against Palestinian terror, and I urge my colleagues to support passage of this important legislation.

TRIBUTE TO TONY BENNETT

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I take great pleasure in rising before you today to recognize one of the world's greatest and most admired entertainers—Tony Bennett.

World-renowned as an "individual of unequaled excellence," Tony Bennett has remained for over five decades, one of our leading male singers of traditional pop songs who has entertained all age groups with his magnificent voice and dynamic performances. Indeed, he is an American icon whose talents are timeless and who continues to be an inspiration to all generations.

It is said of Tony Bennett that he is a superb performer, a true legend of American music, and a national treasure. While all that may be true, Tony is all those things and so much more.

In addition to entertaining audiences through song, Tony Bennett is also an accomplished painter and author, as well as a devoted philanthropist. Throughout his career, he has participated in many humanitarian causes and concerns. He has raised funds for the American Cancer Society, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, and the Hospice of Baltimore. He has worked with the Center for Handgun Control and has supported environmental issues through such organizations as Save the Rainforest and the Project for Walden Woods.

His charity concerts have also benefited many causes, namely the preservation of the Apollo Theater in my Congressional District of Harlem in New York City.

What many people may not know is that Tony Bennett served as a foot soldier in World War II, and was an active participant in the liberation of a concentration camp. In 1965, he participated in the March on Selma with the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and refused to perform in South Africa during the era of apartheid.

Tony Bennett, who celebrated his 75th birthday in August of this year, is a lifelong New Yorker born in the Astoria section of Queens. He attended the High School of Industrial Arts in Manhattan, where he continued nurturing his two passions—singing and painting.

This year, Bennett founded the Frank Sinatra School of the Arts in New York as a tribute to his friend and musical mentor.

Recently, friends gathered together to commemorate Tony's extraordinary and enduring career at the pinnacle of popular music, a career that took off shortly after Bob Hope discovered Bennett in a New York nightclub in 1949. That discovery has resulted in scores of albums, ten Grammy awards, a Lifetime Achievement Award, and induction this year (along with Frank Sinatra), into the Black Entertainment in Sports Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for this opportunity to pay tribute to Tony Bennett, an extraordinary entertainer, a true humanitarian, and a champion for all people. Legions of fans of all ages and musical tastes applaud his genius, and we can be assured that the legacy of Tony Bennett will live forever.

TRIBUTE TO LEBANESE INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Lebanese American community, who celebrated the 58th anniversary of Lebanese independence on November 30, 2001.

On November 22, 1943 Lebanon obtained its independence from France. Shortly thereafter, Lebanon became a founding member of both the United Nations and League of Arab States. Signaling its commitment to the idea that human rights were global and that it was ready to be a full partner in the post World War II world, Lebanon played an integral part in the drafting of one of the UN's most distinguished documents—the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

As one of the world's early cradles of civilization, Lebanon has long been held up as an example of prosperity and perseverance. In its recent history, Lebanon has suffered a great deal but to truly understand the spirit of the Lebanese people, one only need to look at the way in which they have rebuilt their nation. While much remains to be done, the nation's progress is an example from which we can all learn.

The United States and Lebanon have been blessed by a historically strong friendship, owing in part to the emigration of Lebanon's sons and daughters. They embraced America with open arms and their contributions helped build a greater nation. This relationship is best exemplified by the following familiar words, first spoken by a proud Lebanese American: "Are you a politician asking what your country can do for you or a zealous one asking what you can do for your country?" Those are the words of Kahlil Gibran, a poet who frequently wove beauty and justice into his work and in the process touched the heart and meaning of America.

Today, I think we have reason to reflect on another of Gibran's contributions, one that

holds a great lesson for us all. "To be a good citizen is to acknowledge the other person's rights before asserting your own, but always to be conscious of your own."

Since 1965, nearly 100,000 new immigrants have come from Lebanon. My home state of Michigan has one of the largest Lebanese American communities in the country and it has been actively involved in the life of our great state. The Lebanese community willingly shares its culture and values not only with Michigan, but with the entire nation. The result has been innumerable contributions to the arts, sports, medicine, politics, education, science and industry.

Mr. Speaker, I join the people of Lebanon, those of Lebanese ancestry around the world and the Lebanese American community in celebrating Lebanese Independence Day. I salute all of them for the tremendous contributions to freedom and human dignity which they have made.

IN HONOR OF INGRID S. MASON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Ingrid S. Mason in recognition of her career as an educator and children's advocate.

Ingrid S. Mason's roots became solidly grounded by the legacy bestowed upon her by her maternal grandmother, Alice Crawford. Born in Costa Rica, Ingrid spent her formative years under the nurturing love and guidance of her "Tia" and grandmother. Her roots continued to be firmly set, when at the age of five she migrated to the United States to reunite with her mother Irene. It is from her grandmother, mother and aunts that Ingrid gained her most valuable gifts in life a legacy of faith, independence, determination, and commitment to excellence, a strong work ethic and a positive spirit. This legacy has provided her with the wings to soar.

As a youngster and young adult Ingrid excelled academically, earning a myriad of honors, citations, awards and scholarships. She graduated from New York University earning a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Ingrid's love of children naturally guided her to a profession in education. For the past sixteen years she has been a staunch advocate for children and committed educator, working in Community School District 19 in Brooklyn's East New York neighborhood. She has served the parents and children as a teacher, assistant principal and principal. She is currently the assistant principal of P.S. 346 in Starrett City. She has earned a Master of Science in Bilingual Education and an Advanced Certificate in Education Administration, both from Brooklyn College. She is a member of many professional organizations including the Council of Supervisors and Administrators, the Association of Assistant Principals and the Association for School Curriculum and Development.

Ingrid's philosophy on education and working with children stems from her belief that all children possess inner greatness waiting to be awakened. She sees this not only as a challenge, but as a duty. Each day she strives to awaken that greatness by passing on to them the legacy given to her.

Ingrid is provided with "wings" each day by the love, support and encouragement of her family, daughter, Jahira, sister, Rose, and nephew and niece, Travis and Alice, her greatest fans.

Mr. Speaker, Ingrid S. Mason has dedicated her career to education and children's advocacy. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving this recognition, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

THANKING CYPRUS FOR ITS SUPPORT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the government and people of the Republic of Cyprus for expressing their heartfelt condolences and sympathies to our nation. They have declared their unconditional and immediate condemnation of the heinous acts of terrorism against the people of the United States on September 11, 2001.

The Republic of Cyprus has always unequivocally condemned terrorist acts while cooperating with other governments to stamp out terrorism. Following the recent horrific events in New York and Washington, the government and people of Cyprus, standing shoulder to shoulder with the United States, reaffirmed their commitment to the international fight against the perpetrators of terrorism and those that sponsor such barbaric acts. They also reiterated their determination to further augment their capacity to collect and utilize information for the purpose of combating terrorism and eliminating its sources of funding, pledging to cooperate both at the bilateral level, as well as internationally.

As America confronts one of the most ominous challenges in its history, it is reassuring to know that we have the unconditional and unequivocal support from good friends such as Cyprus. Upholding the ideals of freedom, justice, democracy and human dignity are treasured values both Americans and Cypriots hold dear.

IN HONOR OF DR. STEVE HYMAN

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Steve Hyman, Director of the National Institute of Mental Health at NIH, will soon be leaving NIMH to become Provost of Harvard University. While I am very happy that he has chosen to take this important step, I very much regret that public service is losing such a significant figure working on behalf of patients and families affected by mental illness.

Steve is a very well known neuroscientist, and also a gifted communicator. We have worked together on several issues and events, most recently a briefing for Members and staff on the mental health effects of terrorism in the

wake of the awful events of September 11, 2001. Steve has a remarkable ability to leave his audience—whether it is lay or scientific—with a more complete understanding of whatever complex issue he is addressing. This is critical to those of us who work to reduce and eliminate the entrenched stigma about mental illness that so unfairly plagues patients and families. As a scientist, Steve has many times asserted that science shows us absolutely no reason to treat those with mental illnesses as anything other than respected individuals affected by treatable illnesses who deserve health insurance coverage completely commensurate with the coverage provided for physical ailments. In fact, NIMH recently held a meeting in which I participated, focusing on the very real relationship between depression and physical disorders—something that is critical to understand.

For too long, those suffering from depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders, or any of the other diseases that affect our brain and behavior, have faced discrimination, shame, and even scorn. Leaders like Steve have given us the tools we need to argue forcefully and credibly for equal treatment and equal justice. I believe that his leadership, scientific expertise, and his active participation in trying to educate policymakers like us, as well as our constituents—the American public—have moved us far down the path to eliminating stigma. Steve and NIMH were very much involved in the development of the unprecedented Surgeon General's Report on Mental Health, a groundbreaking document that has had a major impact in this country. He also was a key participant in the equally groundbreaking White House Conference on Mental Health held in June of 1999, a public event that featured the President and First Lady, the Vice President and Mrs. Gore, and many, many Members of Congress.

While we will miss Steve Hyman, I am confident that the course he has set for NIMH, and the people he has left to steer it, will enable it to continue to move steadily forward. I know that Steve has left a strong institution, but he has also left a major challenge for his successor—to continue the momentum that he has built up over the five and one-half years he served us as NIMH Director. I haven't known him for a long number of years, but I do know Steve Hyman well enough to know that he will continue his role as champion of patients and their families, and that we are all better off for it.

NATIVE AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Native American Small Business Development Act. This bill will establish a three-year pilot project providing grants to Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) for assisting the Native American, Native Alaskan, and Native Hawaiian populations with their small business development needs. The purpose is to stimulate the economies on reservation lands through the creation

and expansion of small businesses by ensuring the targeted population has full access to important business counseling and technical assistance available through the SBDC program.

Having traveled extensively throughout Indian Country, I can tell you that there is great need for such a grant program. I am pleased to serve as a cosponsor of this bill and I appreciate the hard work that my colleague, Mr. UDALL, has put into bringing this important piece of legislation to the floor today.

IN HONOR OF ULYSSES E. KILGORE III

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Ulysses S. Kilgore III in recognition of his commitment and service to the health of the Central Brooklyn community.

Ulysses S. Kilgore III possesses a Masters of Business Administration from Long Island University, and a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Lincoln University (MO). He is a former U.S. Army officer whose assignments took him to the Republic of South Korea, West Germany and Fort Meade, MD. His professional experience includes appointments as fiscal officer at the former Sydenham Hospital and financial management positions at Pfizer and Brooklyn Union Gas Company, respectively.

In 1982, Mr. Kilgore was selected as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Bedford Stuyvesant Family Health Center, Inc. Over the years—with strong and compassionate management and clinical teams—the FHC has become a major provider of healthcare in the Central Brooklyn, Bedford Stuyvesant community. According to Mr. Kilgore, it is the Center's ultimate responsibility for their own mental, spiritual and physical well-being. The Center seeks to be a participant in that quest. He believes that the greatest source of enrichment comes from service to others. He gives thanks to the Creator for the opportunity to be used to help make life better.

Mr. Speaker, for all of his hard work and dedication to improving access to health care in central Brooklyn, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Ulysses S. Kilgore III a truly remarkable man.

GERALD B.H. SOLOMON SARATOGA NATIONAL CEMETERY

SPEECH OF

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

Mr. QUINN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to add my strongest support to H.R. 3392, the "Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery Designation Act."

It was a true honor and distinct pleasure to serve with Congressman Solomon in the House of Representatives. With his death, this important and historic designation not only

serves as a fitting tribute, but also reflects on Congressman Solomon's lifelong commitment to our Nation and to our Veterans.

A decorated Veteran in his own right, Congressman Solomon set an enduring example of commitment, integrity, and service. His career was one that truly made a difference in the lives of those he represented. Throughout his terms as a Congressman, he brought his vision for America to the House floor with many memorable speeches that helped shape the course of this Nation. This designation serves to memorialize that service, commitment, and leadership.

It is my hope that with the designation of this cemetery, the ideals he held so dear—pride, patriotism, civic responsibility, and volunteerism—will not be forgotten.

I will continue to work in Congress to carry on his fight for our Veterans and will be guided by the example he set as a Member. We are truly blessed to have known him, and truly fortunate to have the unique opportunity to carry on his proud tradition of advocacy and patriotism.

IN HONOR OF MATTHEW FOREMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EMPIRE STATE PRIDE AGENDA

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Matthew Foreman for his dedicated and talented leadership of the Empire State Pride Agenda (ESPA), New York's statewide lesbian and gay political organization. Under Matt's leadership, ESPA has made significant strides in empowering the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and protecting civil rights for all New Yorkers.

The Empire State Pride Agenda strives to end discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. They have worked to secure equality for gay men, lesbians and their families and communities and to promote their political, economic, cultural, and social well being. In the four years that Matt has served as Executive Director of ESPA, the organization has been a driving force in ensuring the rights of gay and lesbian New Yorkers: in negotiating New York City's comprehensive domestic partner law; passing a statewide hate crimes law; repealing a 150-year old consensual sodomy statute; obtaining nearly \$6 million in state funding for lesbian and gay health and human services; and in enacting local non-discrimination laws and policies in Buffalo, Ithaca, Nassau County, and Westchester County.

Prior to joining the Pride Agenda in 1997, Matt served as Executive Director of the NYC Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, the nation's leading lesbian and gay crime victim assistance agency. He is a founder of the Heritage of Pride, which organizes New York City's Gay Pride events, including the world-famous annual Pride Parade down Fifth Avenue. He also served for many years on the board of Dignity/NY, an organization of lesbian and gay Roman Catholics. Those who have had the pleasure of working with Matt know of his tremendous energy and heartfelt dedication to his work. A man of unusual integrity

and drive, we New Yorkers—gay and straight alike—have each benefited from his leadership in the fight for equal rights and equal protection under the law. I am proud to have joined him in many of those fights, and I am pleased to stand here today to thank Matt for his tireless work. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM

SPEECH OF

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Con. Res. 280. The suicide attacks over the past weekend have triggered the worst crisis in the Middle East since the outbreak of the Palestinian intifada 14 months ago. These attacks killed 26 Israelis and wounded at least 175. On a proportional basis, this is the equivalent of 1,200 American deaths and 8,000 wounded. The violence needs to stop. Israel is our most dependable and only democratic ally in the Middle East, and it is important that the United States stand steadfastly by Israel at this critical juncture to fight terror.

The United States is currently engaged militarily in Afghanistan in an effort to root out Osama bin Laden's terrorist network, which has been protected by the Taliban. In a very real sense, the Palestinian Authority is performing a similar role for Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. Yasser Arafat must take all necessary measures to end the ongoing terror campaign. Mr. Arafat must now demonstrate by actions, not words, that he stands for peace.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation sends a strong message that the United States will stand by Israel to defeat terrorism. It is not about taking sides. Too many lives have senselessly been lost on both sides. However, Israel has a right to defend itself from terrorist attacks, just as the United States does. I hope that Mr. Arafat and the Palestinian leadership will immediately arrest, prosecute and jail those responsible for these acts while eliminating the infrastructure that produced them. Any hope for the peace process depends upon it. I urge my colleagues to support the resolution.

IN HONOR OF EDNA FULTON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Edna Fulton in recognition of her outstanding service to the Bedford Stuyvesant community.

Edna Fulton is a lifelong resident of Brooklyn and a product of the New York City Public School System. She is the daughter of Beatrice Keyes, and the mother of three children, Willie, AyTasha and Darrell and the grandmother of E'lise, Chel'Si and Darrell Edward. She graduated from Eastern District High School and went on to attend Brooklyn Col-

lege and the College of New Rochelle. In 1972, she began her career with Citibank as a bank teller and over the years, with the support of family, friends, and her valued customers, was elevated to Branch Manager and to Assistant Vice-President, the position she retired from in 1998.

The walls of Edna's home are lined with many awards presented to her over the years as a testament to her concern, love, dedication, professionalism and hard work. Though many of the awards are corporate recognitions from Citibank saluting her for a job well done, the plaques and certificates from community based organizations acknowledging her service and support hold a special place in her heart. Over the past thirty years, her relationship with her customers and the community have allowed her to become known as dependable, reliable, and "ready, willing, and able" to assist, to serve, to counsel and to advise, always with a smile and a word of encouragement.

In 1999, Edna was approached by the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation to serve as the Bursar/Customer Service Representative for the various programs and services, to include the Youth Arts Academy, Abra ka Zebra Gift Shop and the RITE Center for computer training. Ms. Fulton loves being able to once again serve her beloved community of Bedford Stuyvesant. Edna also is a member of the St. Paul Community Church. As a working woman, and with all the "hats" she wears as a daughter, a mother, and a grandmother, she always makes time to serve and support the endeavors of her community.

Mr. Speaker, Edna Fulton has been a shining light in each of the many roles that she has filled. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving this recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I was attending important business in my Congressional District yesterday, December 5th, including participating in the annual Chapman University Economic Forecast for Orange County and meeting with law enforcement personnel on the subject of terrorism preparedness.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes on Roll Call #469, yes on Roll Call #470, yes on Roll Call #471, yes on Roll Call #472, yes on Roll Call #473, yes on Roll Call #474, and yes on Roll Call #475.

INTRODUCTION OF H. CON. RES.—

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution condemning the over 500 anthrax hoaxes perpetrated against women's health care providers and abortion clinics since October 14th. This resolution also urges

the Administration, local law enforcement, and related government agencies to continue to make their best efforts to bring all those who commit acts of domestic terrorism to justice.

Throughout the nearly three decades since the Roe v. Wade decision legalized abortion in 1973, reproductive health centers and abortion clinics across the United States have been under attack by anti-choice extremists. These are individuals who firmly believe that it is better to murder, harass, and threaten doctors who provide reproductive health services, than to live and act within the confines of the law.

One of the most horrific acts of anti-choice violence occurred 3 years ago in Amherst, New York—a town just outside my district. Dr. Barnett Slepian was tragically shot and killed in his home by an anti-choice extremist lying in wait in his back yard. As a result of this cowardly act, our region lost a courageous and talented doctor; his family lost a loving husband and father. Dr. Slepian's death marked the seventh murder at the hands of an anti-choice extremist since 1993.

Unfortunately, this type of vicious domestic terrorism remains at large. According to the National Abortion Federation, since 1977, there have been 7 murders, 17 attempted murders, 41 bombings, 165 arsons, 122 assaults, 343 death threats, 100 butyric acid attacks, and now, as of October 14, more than 500 anthrax threats perpetrated against abortion providers in North America. Considering this laundry list of violent acts, it is hard to imagine how some abortion providers can walk into work in the morning.

With the help of law enforcement officials and others, I firmly believe we can put an end to the violent acts that threaten some members of our medical community. I am pleased to report that yesterday, December 5, the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Clayton Lee Waagner, the suspected author of anthrax hoax letters sent to abortion clinics nationwide, in a copy store outside Cincinnati, Ohio. I would like to commend the law enforcement officials who captured Waagner and urge them to launch a similar campaign to apprehend others who have perpetrated similar incidents of violence.

In addition to the work of law enforcement officials, however, we must also raise awareness about this type of domestic terrorism. In an effort to accomplish that goal, I am proud to introduce this resolution today. It is the strongest measure to date that condemns the terrorism against health clinics and abortion providers and strongly urges the law enforcement community to take these threats seriously and to pursue these criminals vigorously. This resolution sends an important signal to criminals that the United States Congress will not tolerate this type of domestic terrorism any longer.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Reps. MORELLA, DEGETTE, GREENWOOD and myself, I am proud to introduce this resolution and urge my colleagues to support it.

REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR
JOSEPH VERNER REED

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to submit for the RECORD a speech delivered by Ambas-

sador Joseph Verner Reed, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and a distinguished resident of Greenwich, Connecticut. Ambassador Reed's remarks were made at the Centennial Celebration of the Yale-China Association on October 6, 2001.

REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR JOSEPH VERNER REED, UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE YALE-CHINA ASSOCIATION, YALE UNIVERSITY

Dean Brodhead of Yale College, Counsellor Xu of the Consulate of the People's Republic of China in New York City, Mr. Jones, Chair, Board of Trustees, Yale-China Association, Ms. Chapman, Executive Director, Yale-China Association, Members of the Yale-China Family, Ladies and Gentlemen,

What an honor, privilege, and pleasure to be at Yale to celebrate the centenary of the Yale-China Association!

This is a major milestone for me as I have been a life-long son of Sino-American relations. I grew up surrounded by "things Chinese", sculpture, porcelain, furniture and paintings. Some in my family say I am "in love" with all things Chinese.

As a banker I had the pleasure of a close working relationship with Ambassador Huang Hua at the Mission of the People's Republic of China in the 70's. We have maintained a lasting friendship. I accompanied David Rockefeller on the first visit of American business following President Nixon's historic trip to Beijing.

Many moons ago I became associated with Yale University Press in the historic publishing endeavor known as Chinese Civilization and Culture. We at the Yale Press work side by side with the Chinese authorities, publishers and scholars in an historic undertaking to publish 75 volumes—painting, architecture, calligraphy, furniture—our first volume on the history of painting won the highest prize in publishing—the Hawkins Prize. It is a grand endeavor with Yale's most senior graduate as Honorary Chair of the Project, President George H.W. Bush. Henry Kissinger is Chairman of the Advisory Council. Professor Jonathan Spencer is on the Editorial Advisory Board. The Rockefeller Family is supportive with Mrs. Nelson A. Rockefeller serving as Chair of the Friends of CCC.

Mr. Anthony Fouracre is the Head of the United Nations Postal Administration, a great organization, which produces some 50 stamps a year. The "Terra Cotta Warrior" series was/is the United Nations Postal Administration's most popular stamp.

May I now say a few words as an American citizen, working for the United Nations.

Our World has been profoundly altered by the unspeakable acts of evil committed against the United States of America and innocent civilians on 11 September 2001—A Day of Terror. 11 September 2001, the 20th anniversary of the United Nations International Day of Peace, was supposed to be a day on which we try to imagine a world quite different from the one we know.

It was to be a day on which "we try to picture hatred turning into respect, bigotry into understanding and ignorance into knowledge, a day on which we dare to imagine a world free of conflict and violence". I am quoting here from the Message of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan. That message was recorded on 10 September for the International Day of Peace.

Instead, the horrible and previously unimaginable acts of terror committed by international terrorists have profoundly altered our world. America, indeed the entire civilized world, must now be at war against terrorism.

Barely a mile from United Nations Headquarters, the Parliament of Mankind, the Parliament of Peace, more than 6000 innocent civilians from over 60 countries were killed and a symbol of New York City and the Free World was destroyed. The Capital of the United States of America was attacked.

President George W. Bush, with the entire nation rallied behind him, said this will not stand.

This single most horrible act of international terrorism has united people across the globe. This was not only an attack on America, but also on everyone in the modern world. This will and shall provide the catalyst for an unprecedented international coalition to resist terrorism and fanaticism, against hatred, bigotry and ignorance.

On 12 September, the newly elected President of the United Nations General Assembly, the Foreign Minister of the Republic of Korea, Dr. Han Seung-soo, stated before the assembled representatives of the international community at the opening of the 56th session of the General Assembly, which had to be postponed by one day:

"Mere words cannot express the outrage and disgust we doubtless all feel for the vile actions perpetrated in our host country, the United States. I condemn in the strongest possible terms these heinous acts of terrorism. I pray for those who lost their lives and on behalf of the General Assembly offer our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of the innocent victims.

These terrorist crimes were, in effect, acts of war against all the world's peace-loving peoples. Their primary target was, by a vicious twist of fate, located in the very city, which is home to the world's foremost institution dedicated to promoting world peace. No terrorists can ever deflect this body from the task to which it has dedicated itself since 1945—ending the scourge of war in whatever form it may take once and for all."

The United Nations Security Council has, in the meantime, acted decisively, at the initiative of the United States. The General Assembly, in a rare show of unity, is deliberating and adopting measures to eliminate international terrorism. Ladies and Gentlemen, these were some of the thoughts that are uppermost in my mind these turbulent days following the Day of Terror.

Had I been delivering these remarks a month ago, however, my belief in the importance of the work of the Yale-China Association would have been no less sincere. The tragic events we have all recently witnessed—and developments yet to unfold—inject a new sense of urgency into the continuation of the Yale-China traditions that we honor here tonight. In times such as these, it is more important than ever to strengthen those impulses and institutions that refute the power of violence, ignorance, and mutual hostility among peoples. On the global scale, these institutions include the United Nations, which I have the honor to serve, and the many multilateral efforts to ensure peace and security under its auspices. But no less significantly, they include private associations of compassionate, committed individuals reaching out beyond their own borders and working to make the world a more tolerant, peaceful, and enlightened place. Among such associations, the Yale-China Association has been both a pioneer and an example for others for the past century. The Yale-China Association is a banner organization of quality and success.

Close to one year ago, I had the pleasure of working with Nancy Chapman and members of her staff at the Yale-China Association to organize and to host the visit of Madame Chen Zhili, Minister of Education of the People's Republic of China. Minister Chen was the highest ranking member of the Chinese

government ever to visit Yale. On that occasion, I was tremendously impressed by the efficiency and dedication of the Yale-China staff. The success of this visit paved the way for the extraordinarily warm welcome extended to President Levin and his delegation this past May in Beijing. It is thus a special pleasure to return this evening to be with you all to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of this extraordinary organization, which has contributed so much to the life of Yale University and relations between China and the United States.

We are gathered to salute one of the great international endeavors of the past century. Before there was a Rockefeller Foundation, a United Nations, or a Peace Corps, there was the Yale-China Association. Growing from missionary roots amid the optimism and self-confidence of Yale's bicentennial celebration in 1901, Yale-China soon evolved into a bicultural educational enterprise that reflected Yale's spirit of intellectual tolerance and openness. In the process, Yale-China cultivated its own traditions of compassion, cultural sensitivity, and selfless service for the benefit of others. It is those traditions which we celebrate this evening.

Of course, China—indeed, our entire world—is a very different place today from what it was a century ago. Who in 1901 could have foretold the extraordinary changes China has undergone? Who even a decade or two ago would have predicted China's recent advances in economic development and education?

Since its founding a century ago, the Yale-China Association has been engaging young Chinese and American people and equipping them with both an appreciation for and the cross-cultural tools essential to successful world citizenship. Today's instantaneous transmission of ideas and images brings the world closer together, yet it cannot replace the life-changing power of a single intense, personal encounter between people of different cultural traditions. Many of you—Chinese and Americans—have been touched by Yale-China and can testify to its extraordinary power in your lives. These encounters are important not only for the individuals involved, but for the broader cause of international understanding which forms the necessary foundation for peace.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends,

People come and go, but our institutions and traditions endure. Tonight, let us each commit ourselves with pride to strengthening those institutions within our world that have sustained hope and our shared humanity. Let us transform our sorrow of the day of Terror and its aftermath into a renewed resolve, and our loss into a gain for a humanity free of terrorism.

I congratulate the Yale-China Association on its hundredth birthday and all of its accomplishments since its birth here in New Haven—the students educated, the lives saved, the suspicions and animosities dispelled and the spirit enriched. May Yale-China's work and traditions continue as shining light for many generations into the future!

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS IN HONORING THE CREW AND PASSENGERS OF UNITED AIR- LINES FLIGHT 93

SPEECH OF

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Florida for his work on the

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage my colleagues to vote for this measure; and I really do not think it will take a lot of encouragement because we have had an overwhelming expression of enthusiasm regarding those on United Airlines Flight 93 and their heroic activities.

Mr. Speaker, this is a resolution expressing a sense of Congress that a memorial plaque be established on the grounds of the Capitol. It is an expression of our thanks and condolences to the passengers and crew of Flight 93.

I also want to thank my Legislative Director, Phillip Brown, who has worked very hard to get this done. I think it will be great for posterity as they see a plaque that honors those on Flight 93 who I do believe had a significant part in probably saving our Capitol.

On September 11, United Airlines Flight 93, piloted by Captain James Dahl, departed from Newark International Airport at 8:01 a.m. on a routine flight to San Francisco with six other crew members and 38 passengers on board. Shortly after departure, the flight was hijacked by terrorists.

The hijacking was one of four, as we all remember, on the morning of September 11. We all remember that date because it was a horrible day and a turning point in our nation's history. Four of our own planes were hijacked and targeted on buildings that define our nation and symbolize our freedom and values and symbolize our nation's economic and military strength. Three of these planes hit their marks, resulting in an incomprehensible tragedy and loss of innocent life on a scale not seen in this country since the Civil War.

We know that the passengers and crew learned through cellular phone conversations with loved ones on the ground of the deliberate acts of destruction and murder occurring in New York City and Washington, D.C., and that hijacked aircraft had been used in these terrorist acts of war.

During these phone conversations, several of the passengers indicated that there was an agreement among the passengers and crew to try to overpower the hijackers who had taken over the aircraft. It is believed that it was this effort to overpower the hijackers that caused Flight 93 to crash at 10:37 a.m. in southwestern Pennsylvania near Schuylkill, short of what is believed to have been its intended target, Washington, D.C., and probably, this very Capitol building we stand in today.

The efforts of these individuals on this plane heroically limited the damage the terrorists could inflict, losing their lives for their country in the process. We owe the passengers and the crew our gratitude and our honor.

The participants of the resistance on board Flight 93 showed selfless courage and patriotism.

Passengers like Todd Beamer, whose young widow is here today in Washington. He told a telephone operator how much he loved his expecting wife and two sons, and he asked her to call them. He asked her to pray the Lord's Prayer and Psalm 23 with him. He told her, "I am going to have to go out in faith," and his now famous words "Let's roll" have become a rallying cry in America.

Passengers like Tom Burnett, who left what he knew would be likely his last conversation

with his wife saying, "Okay, we are going to do something."

Passengers like Jeremy Glick, who told his wife that the passengers and crew had taken a vote and agreed to try to take back the plane.

Crew members like Sandra Bradshaw, who told her husband of the plan to rush the hijackers and take back control of the plane, and that she was boiling water to use as a weapon against the terrorists.

The passengers and crew, all of whom are survived by loved ones, husbands, wives, children, and parents, very likely averted the destruction of the U.S. Capitol and the symbol this institution has become for the democratic process of government, and in the process, saving hundreds, perhaps thousands of lives.

By their heroic acts, the Statue of Freedom still stands at the top of our noble dome, and the light of freedom still shines brightly here in the Capitol.

This resolution expresses the sense of Congress that a memorial plaque to honor Captain Jason Dahl, First Officer Leroy Homer, flight attendants Lorraine G. Bay, Sandra W. Bradshaw, Wanda A. Green, Ceccee Lyles, Deborah A. Welch, passengers Christian Adams, Todd Beamer, Alan Beaven, Mark Bingham, Thomas Burnett, William Cashman, Georgine Corrigan, Patricia Cushing, Joseph DeLuca, Patrick Driscoll, Edward Felt, Jane C. Folger, Colleen Fraser, Andrew Garcia, Jeremy Glick, Christine Gould, Lauren Grandcolas, Donald Greene, Linda Gronlund, Richard Guadagno, Toshiya Kuge, Hilda Marcin, Waleska Martinez, Nicole Miller, Louis J. Nacke, Donald Peterson, Jean Peterson, Mark Rothenberg, Christine Snyder, John Talignani, and Honor Elizabeth Wainio.

This plaque should be crafted and placed here on the grounds of the United States Capitol expressing our thanks and condolences; and a copy of the plaque, together with a copy of this resolution from the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, should be sent to a designated survivor of each victim.

I am confident with the passage of this resolution that the Speaker of the House, the House minority, the Senate Majority Leader, and the Senate Minority Leader will ask and direct the Architect of the Capitol to begin plans for design, crafting, and placement of this plaque as soon as possible.

I also want to thank my colleagues for their support of this resolution. After this vote, I intend to send a letter to the leadership regarding this sense of Congress, and I invite my colleagues to join me.

IN HONOR OF RENAE SMITH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Renae Smith in recognition of her outstanding work on behalf of children.

Renae Smith comes from generations of those who have been involved and have always contributed to their community in some form or fashion. Throughout the years she has dedicated her time to charitable and volunteer work.

She began her involvement in the community during the 1960's as a member of Brooklyn C.O.R.E. While working at Kingsboro Jewish Medical Center, in the Telecommunications Department, she served as a member of the Executive Hearings and Appeals Board on both Hospital and Guild Divisions for 1199 Hospital Union. She also served as a member of the Chapter Hearing and Appeals Board within the Hospital. In addition, Renae has served as a delegate to several departments of Kingsbrook, as well as, borough representative for all Brooklyn Hospitals with an 1199 affiliation. Renae also has worked in real estate marketing and sales in addition to having an appraisal background from New York University.

In 1987, Renae, became a member of Saint Mary Episcopal Church joining the Episcopal Church women's group and serving on the Altar Guild. In 1990, Renae served as the Vice President of the Crown Heights Kiwanis Club International. She helped focus the efforts of the club on the needs of children. Under Renae's guidance, the organization became involved with Magnolia Tree—A Tree Grows in Brooklyn Project. The project involved 100 international children working to improve and enhance the beauty by planting trees.

Renae became a licensed Foster Parent with the Richard Allen Center on Life Agency in 1994. She received her twin boys in early 1996 and was appointed to the executive board of Foster and Adoptive Parents Association. Continuing to be a Foster Parent in 1996, Renae came to the Central Brooklyn Coordinating Council—CBCC. In 1997, Renae was appointed to the Executive Board for Foster and Adoptive Parents Association locally. Recently, Renae was appointed to serve on the By-laws Committee, for Eureka Grand Chapter in 1998 OESPHA.

Renae is currently an Executive Board member of the New York State Foster and Adoptive Parents Association as Chairperson of Community Development. She is a member of International and National Foster Parents Association and a candidate for Regional II Vice-President. Renae is an advisor to the Forestdale Family Service Agency, Little Flower Family Service Agency and Foster and Adoptive Parent Association Board Locals. She has facilitated many workshops on Foster and Adoptive Care in School District 17. Renae is also an Executive Board Member of Community Board 17 serving on the Education and Commerce Committees. She is Chair of the Foster Care Sub-committee under the Social Services Committees. While working tirelessly on behalf of her community, Renae has also raised her daughter. She has been blessed by the success of her daughter and her daughter's dedication to give back to the community in any way that she can.

Mr. Speaker, Renae Smith is committed to serving children and her community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this chamber on December 5, 2001 when rollcall votes Nos. 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474 and rollcall vote 475 were cast. I want the record to show that had I been present in this chamber at the time these votes were cast, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 469, "yea" on rollcall vote 470, "yea" on rollcall vote 471, "yea" on rollcall vote 472, "yea" on rollcall vote 473, "yea" on rollcall vote 474, and "yea" on rollcall vote 475.

TRIBUTE TO FRANCIS AND JEAN DOMENIGONI, 2001 DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS GOOD SCOUT OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a couple whose dedication to the community and to the overall well-being of California's Inland Empire is unparalleled. On December 11, 2001, Francis and Jean Domenigoni will be honored as Distinguished Citizens for the Good Scout of the Year Award.

The Domenigoni family is one of the oldest pioneering families in the region. They share a history that is as rich as the soil in which they have farmed for over five generations. Angelo Domenigoni, along with his brother Peter and a friend named Gaudenzio Garbani, immigrated to this great nation in 1874. The patriarch of the family, Angelo, arrived in "Pleasant Valley", now known as Winchester in 1879, and set the Domenigoni family on the road to achieving the American Dream. Through hard work and dedication he and his wife, Maria Antonia established a life that was blessed with seven children: Antonio, Natal, Peter, Jack, Rita, Serafina and Dominica. Antonio married Dominica Fiscalini and they had five beautiful children of their own; Angelo, Francis, Julia, Fred, and Elsa. All five children were born and raised on the ranch. Fred and Francis Domenigoni carried on the family farming operation all of their lives.

Francis Domenigoni married Jean Connell, a member of the Garbani Family. Continuing in the tradition of his parents, Francis and Jean raised five children; Richard, Larry, Donald, Andy, and Steve. Together with his son, Andy, Francis managed the family's farming and ranching business for twenty years. In 1997, Francis passed away, leaving his wife Jean, his sons, and grandchildren to carry on the family legacy.

For the past fifty years, the Domenigoni Family has been a major sponsor and contributor to the Junior Livestock Auction and Farmers Fair. Active members in the Riverside County Farm Bureau, they support the Winchester Harvesters and Pleasant Valley 4H Programs. The Domenigoni's have also opened their ranch for the past decade for a

riding event to support the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and American Disabilities Association. The family also recently dedicated a building shell for the Winchester Community Center and Recreation Facility.

The Domenigonis continue to endorse higher education by sponsoring the UC Riverside Foundation, the Mt. San Jacinto College Foundation, and providing annual scholarships to agricultural students at Hemet and West Valley High Schools. They are also active participants in the Winchester Homeowner's Association; the Chambers of Commerce in Winchester, Murrieta, and Temecula; the Riverside County Property Owners' Association; the Murrieta Temecula Group, and the Hemet-San Jacinto Action Group.

It is a well deserved honor and I am proud to pay homage today to a family who has done much for the people in my district.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIE NELSON

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and honor the philanthropic efforts of legendary country music star, Willie Nelson.

Mr. Nelson recently came to the City of Brea and held a benefit concert to raise funds for the La Habra-Brea Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Nelson treated some 400 country music fans to an intimate and memorable evening of his treasured ballads and tunes and, in the process, raised more than \$100,000 to help build the Boys and Girls Club an all-purpose facility.

The event was arranged by La Habra-Brea Boys and Girls Club Board Member Tom Duncan, who approached Mr. Nelson, his longtime client and friend, about the need for a permanent club facility in Brea. Mr. Nelson readily agreed to donate his time and talent to kick off the capital campaign with a benefit concert. Unocal Corporation generously offered to host the event in the Hartley Center auditorium in their Brea facility.

The Boys and Girls Clubs across the nation are professional, non-profit organizations that serve children ages seven to eighteen. Dedicated employees help these young people develop character and provide opportunities for healthy social recreation, physical education, as well as citizenship and leadership skills. Proceeds from this successful event will bring the reality of a safe-haven for the youth of the community a step closer.

According to Mr. Duncan, "Willie's a good-hearted soul and he likes to help people who need it." Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that this 107th Congress join me in saluting the benevolent and compassionate acts of a "Great American," Willie Nelson.

IN HONOR OF P.O. GLADYS FIGUEROA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of P.O. Gladys Figueroa in recognition of her

twenty-one years of service to the New York City Police Department and the people of New York.

Gladys Figueroa was born in Ponce, Puerto Rico. Her parents brought her to New York City in search of a better life when she was four years old. They settled in Williamsburg, Brooklyn where she attended elementary through high school. She graduated from Eastern District High School in 1971. After her first semester at Queens College, Gladys decided to leave school and enter the work force. Gladys has been working since the age of 14 as a summer youth worker.

While working, she held various positions: Receptionist, Administrative Aide, Legal Secretary, Cashier, Salesperson, and Waitress. At the same time, she was always looking for something else. She attended various trade schools, such as Airline Training, Massage, Home Improvement, etc. in January 1980, she finally found her home when she joined the ranks of the New York City Police Department. She was assigned to the 79th Precinct where she spent 13 years of her career. Her first assignment was to patrol the streets of Bedford-Stuyvesant. She saw everything that her precinct had to offer; her worst assignments were dealing with domestic violence issues. After five years on patrol she was assigned to the Community Affairs office of the 79th Precinct, where she remained for the subsequent eight years. Her most rewarding task was working with the Youth and Community Councils. In 1994, Gladys was transferred to the Brooklyn North Community Affairs Office. She remained there until her retirement date on September 30, 2001.

Gladys is a people person. She enjoyed the various tasks associated with representing the police in a positive way with the community. She assisted in senior citizens programs, the Citizens Academy, and girl's basketball. She was especially fond of working holidays with senior citizens or bringing food to homebound AIDS patients. One of her last assignments was to join the Domestic Violence unit of the 90th Precinct. Her next assignment will be her most significant and most difficult, serving as a full time mom to her pride and joy, 14-year-old Diola, and 12-year-old Alejandro Castillo.

Mr. Speaker, Gladys Figueroa has served the people of Brooklyn and New York City for over twenty-one years of proud and dedicated service as a New York City Police Officer. As such, she is more than worthy of our recognition today. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 3427, AF- GHANISTAN FREEDOM AND RE- CONSTRUCTION ACT OF 2001

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing H.R. 3427, the Afghanistan Freedom and Reconstruction Act of 2001. I want to thank my good friend, the Gentleman from New York, Mr. ACKERMAN, ranking Democratic Member of the Middle East and South Asia subcommittee. Without his hard work and that of his staff, we would have never reached this point.

As we speak, the Taliban leadership is on the run. The capital city of Kabul has been liberated from Taliban control, as have key cities across Afghanistan. The final pockets of resistance are surrounded and facing imminent defeat. And as freedom returns to Afghanistan, women are throwing off their veils and men are lining up at barber shops to shave their beards after years of repressive rule.

Now is the time for swift action by this Congress, for the United States to demonstrate to the people of Afghanistan and throughout the Muslim world that the military campaign against Al-Qaida and the Taliban is neither a war against Muslims nor a war against the Afghan people. Yes, the United States is committed to wipe-out the terrorist network in Afghanistan. But we must be equally committed to helping the Afghan people reclaim their country and rebuild their lives. We may be close to winning the war but we are far from winning the peace.

The United States did not live up to its commitment after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan was repulsed. We left the people of Afghanistan and our friends in Pakistan to fend for themselves. Afghanistan disintegrated as a result, as warlords pillaged the country, followed by the Taliban's repressive rule and ultimately the rise of terrorist elements.

Mr. Chairman, we must not permit the past to be repeated in Afghanistan. Yesterday, the representatives from all major factions in Afghanistan signed a landmark agreement to create a broad-based, multiethnic, gender-sensitive, fully-representative government in Afghanistan. After over 20 years of civil war, foreign occupation, and oppression, the people of Afghanistan see rays of hope breaking through their clouds of fear.

Over the last few months, the International Relations Committee has held a series of hearings regarding the humanitarian needs in Afghanistan, the possibilities for reconstruction, and Afghani hopes for the future. Based on these hearings, it is clear to me that we must help the Afghan people secure a future for their children that is free from war and built on the same hopes and aspirations held by all-freedom loving people around the world.

Achieving this vision for Afghanistan is not only a moral and humanitarian impulse—it is a national security imperative. If we are to prevent future terrorist attacks targeting the United States, we must provide a positive alternative to the poverty, repression, and religious fanaticism that breeds terrorists such as Osama bin Laden and his minions.

H.R. 3427, the Afghan Freedom and Reconstruction Act of 2001 does just that. The bill:

Expresses a sense of Congress on the U.S. policy towards Afghanistan, including promoting its neutrality, supporting a broad-based, multi-ethnic, gender-sensitive, fully representative government, and maintaining a significant commitment to the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction of Afghanistan.

Authorizes \$77.5 million for broadcasting to Afghanistan;

Authorizes \$325 million for humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan in fiscal year 2003;

Authorizes \$150 million for fiscal year 2002 and 2003 for a multinational security force in Afghanistan and authorizes funding for civil advisers for that country for the interim or transitional authority;

Authorizes \$875 million for rehabilitation and reconstruction assistance for fiscal years

2002–2005, with—conditions for each year to ensure that benchmarks laid out in the December 5, 2001 Bonn Agreement between the various Afghan factions are being met; assistance for agriculture, health care, education, vocational training, disarmament and demobilization, and anti-corruption and good governance programs; a special emphasis on assistance to women and girls; a report on assistance actually provided; and authority to provide some of this assistance through a multi-lateral fund.

Authorizes \$60 million for Democracy and human rights initiatives for fiscal years 2002 through 2004;

Authorizes \$62.5 for a contribution to the UN Drug Control Program for fiscal years 2002 through 2004 to reduce or eliminate the trafficking of illicit drugs in Afghanistan.

Authorizes \$65 million for a new secure diplomatic facility in Afghanistan.

Requires the President to consult with Congress on any ongoing support for remnants of the Taliban, including sanctions against any country that provides such support.

We are committed to supporting the people of Afghanistan in their quest to establish a broad-based government that respects human rights—especially the rights of women and children—and practices religious tolerance.

Mr. Chairman, I, along with GARY ACKERMAN, the ranking member on the Middle East and South Asia subcommittee, and the Gentlewoman from Florida, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, the Chairman of the International Operations and Human Rights subcommittee, am introducing this legislation to put the U.S. Congress squarely behind the people of Afghanistan and its nascent hopes for a brighter future.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES S. KNISLEY

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of my dear friend Charles S. Knisley.

Charles S. Knisley was a renowned master horse trainer, and an upstanding citizen of the community dedicated to his friends and beloved children.

Charles had a life-long love for horses. He was a Master Horse Trainer and produced two outstanding Saddlebred stallions: Prime Time and a half and Sparkling Running Wild.

He worked with Ms. Linda Copper, an accomplished horsewoman in her own right, and Judith and Bill Cottrill, who established some of the finest blood stock of Saddlebred horses in America.

He loved the Saddlebred horse, was an expert farrier of show horses and was an expert rider and handler of high strung Saddlebred show stock for Ms. Cooper.

Chuck, as he was known to his friends, always had a good word for all; but he was not known to say much. He spoke with his deeds!

Charles "Chuck" Knisley was a great father, a great husband, a great friend, a great horseman and a great American. He will be sorely missed.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2299,
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2001

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last week, the House passed the conference report on H.R. 2299, Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations for FY 2002. I was pleased to support this legislation and would like to thank the committee for including language which benefits my constituents in the 8th Congressional District of Texas.

First, the committee was kind enough to include report language that encourages the Federal Highway Administration to collaborate with the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) at Texas A&M University on their Work Zone Safety proposal. TTI is dedicated to a program of research intended to enhance the overall safety associated with roadways and, at the same time, finding approaches for more efficiently handling the traffic demands.

One important example of TTI's efforts to improve the safety of our roadways is through the National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse. The only one of its kind in the United States, the Clearinghouse provides information and referrals to government agencies, public and private organizations, and the general public concerning the safe and effective operation of traffic work zones.

Work zones have always been dangerous places for construction workers and travelers. With more and more highway construction and maintenance under way, most of the time traffic cannot be shut down while work is being done. Highway workers must often perform their jobs with traffic just a few feet away. Unfortunately, this has resulted in more than 20,000 accidents in highway work zones, injuring some 5,000 people and killing 700 more. In my home state of Texas alone, 125 people were killed in a construction or maintenance work zone in 1998.

The National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse housed at TTI is a part of the solution. With a toll-free call, a fax or visit to the Clearinghouse's website, contractors, workers and safety officials now have access to a wide array of information and materials. The Clearinghouse collects, maintains and makes available information on work zone safety, crash statistics, construction standards, worker safety training, safety products and public awareness and law enforcement campaigns. Through these efforts we are seeing progress, but more work needs to be done to help make work zones safer and save more lives.

The continued efforts of TTI and the Clearinghouse are critical to furthering work zone safety. It is my goal to see that important transportation research such as the work zone safety clearinghouse continues to receive the support it deserves.

I would also like to speak today about a provision that represents a good example of community and university partnership in my district. The Conference Report provides funding to Brazos Transit to purchase new buses and

then lease them on a multi-year agreement to Texas A&M University at a nominal yearly fee.

These new buses will help meet the transportation needs of the community by providing students living in the community with safe, efficient and economical transportation to and from campus. This new partnership will benefit Brazos Transit, Texas A&M University and most importantly the students.

IN HONOR OF STAFF SGT. BRIAN
CODY PROSSER

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Special Forces Staff Sgt. Brian Cody Prosser, a young man who grew up in my Congressional District and who died Monday in Afghanistan fighting terrorism on behalf of all Americans.

Sgt. Prosser hails from Frazier Park, California, a small, tight-knit community in the Los Padres National Forest's high country. He was captain of his high school football team and enlisted in the Army after graduation in 1991. Friends and family have described him as "dedicated," "brave," "tough," and "down-to-earth."

His father, Brian D. Prosser, who is also an Army veteran, called his son a "warrior" and said Sgt. Prosser died doing what he wanted to do.

Sgt. Prosser was proud to be an American, trained hard to become one of America's elite soldiers, and died a hero at age 28 doing his job to rid the world of terrorists and those who harbor them. Our country is saddened by his death and those of his comrades who died with him, Master Sgt. Jefferson Donald Davis, 39, of Watauga, Tennessee, and Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Henry Petithory, 32, of Cheshire, Massachusetts. At the same time we are honored and thankful for their commitment to America and the sacrifice they were willing to risk on our behalf.

Sgt. Prosser is survived by his wife, Shawna; his parents, Brian and Ingrid Prosser; and three brothers, Jarudd, Michael, and Reed.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in honoring Sgt. Prosser's sacrifice on behalf of his country and in offering our heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends, as well as to the family and friends of Sgt. Davis and Sgt. Petithory.

IN HONOR OF THE LATE JAMES
WORTH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of a dynamic community leader, a good friend, and a committed protector of his neighborhood, the late James Worth. He will be sorely missed by all of those who knew him.

Over forty years ago, James Worth left his native North Carolina and arrived in Brooklyn. Since that time, he built a fine family with his

wife, Ruth and a legacy of hard work and dedication to his community. Among his many achievements, he started a community garden where people would gather and discuss the issues of the day. That garden remains an oasis in a community that faces its share of difficulties. In addition, he was the long time leader of the Georgia Ave. Block Association. James' commitment to his community extended beyond his civic concerns, as he was involved in the political arena as well. If someone was going to represent James' community, James wanted to be sure to check them out first.

Mr. Speaker, the late James Worth was a hard working community leader, a dedicated political leader and a true friend to all those who knew him. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving this recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly admirable man who will be sorely missed.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL A. POLLACK

HON. J.D. HAYWORTH

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a valued constituent, Michael A. Pollack, president and founder of Michael A. Pollack Real Estate Investments in Mesa, Arizona and a man who is devoted to improving the lives of those living in the communities surrounding his housing developments.

Michael Pollack's involvement with the community is well known and the list of causes to which he contributes is lengthy. Operating on the philosophy that corporate philanthropy begins at home, Michael has contributed generously to numerous local causes, including the Chandler Service Club, the YMCA, the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Chandler Regional Hospital, several local high schools, various churches, synagogues and rescue missions, as well as the D.A.R.E. program. He also supports national charities, including Special Olympics, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and the American Cancer Society, to name just a few.

Earlier this year, Michael arranged for famed Notre Dame football player Daniel "Rudy" Ruettiger, the subject of the 1993 movie Rudy, to deliver an inspirational pep talk to the Dobson High School football team, which hadn't posted a winning season since 1994. Following Rudy's message and a private viewing of the Rudy film at Michael's Tempe movie theatre, the team went on to win the first four games of the season.

Michael is a business person who leads by example and his personal contributions to the community are many. The end result is that Michael epitomizes the principles that make America great: hard work, integrity and giving back to the community.

I join others, such as former Congressman and current Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta; former State Senator John Huppenthal; Arizona Governor Jane D. Hull; Glendale, Arizona Mayor Elaine Scruggs; Mesa, Arizona Mayor Keno Hawker; Chandler, Arizona Mayor Jay Tibshraeny; Tempe, Arizona Mayor Neil Giuliano; Tucson, Arizona Mayor Robert Walkup and many other city,

county and industry leaders in saluting Michael Pollack for his efforts and his contributions to the business community. I wish him well in the years to come.

MEMORIAL TO JACQUES
LESSTRANG

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like today to honor the memory of Jacques LesStrang, whose lifetime of accomplishments included worldwide recognition as an author and expert on the Great Lakes and the founder of Harbor House Publishers. Mr. LesStrang passed away on December 5, at the age of 75.

Jacques LesStrang was one of the nation's outstanding and most widely quoted authors on the Great Lakes. He wrote six books on subjects ranging from international trade to maritime and political history, to U.S.-Canadian relations. His book "Seaway," which chronicled the history of the St. Lawrence Seaway, was a Book-of-the-Month Club selection. He began publishing the widely respected and internationally distributed maritime journal, *Seaway Review*, in 1969 and served as Editor-in-Chief for 24 years. He founded the successful regional firm Harbor House Publishers, and served as CEO until 1990. In addition, Mr. LesStrang published economic reports for the U.S. Congress and the Canadian Parliament and wrote the script for the 1993 PBS documentary, "Inward Passage." He was named "Maritime Writer of the Year" by the U.S. Propeller Club and "Great Lakes Man of the Year" by the governors of the eight Great Lakes states and premiers of the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

In recent years, Mr. LesStrang served as the CEO of the LesStrang Group, a Christian publishing and marketing firm in Palm Desert, California. LesStrang was also the former president and creative director of an international advertising and marketing agency with offices in Michigan and London, England. He served as an international marketing consultant to the State of Michigan, heading trade missions to Europe to generate business for the state. In addition, he managed a number of successful state and national political campaigns for congressional and gubernatorial candidates, including former Michigan Governors William Milliken and George Romney. Mr. LesStrang's work on international marketing, government, and the maritime industry has been published in 16 languages.

Born in Pittsburgh, raised by his mother, Ada, LesStrang developed a lifelong love of literature and music, which he shared with his seven children and eleven grandchildren. LesStrang served in the Air Force in World War II and as a military journalist at Scott Field in St. Louis. He received degrees from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and the University of Michigan.

Perhaps Jacques LesStrang's greatest legacy is the family he raised with his wife Barbara. Many of the members of the California Congressional Delegation will attest to the hard work and dedication of his son, Dave LesStrang, who is my deputy chief of staff and

served as the staff member to the California Republican Delegation for many years. In the last days of his life, Jacques LesStrang was joined by Dave and his other children—Michelle Cortright of Boyne City, Michigan; Diane Mathias of Palm Desert, California; Steve Marcks of Carlsbad, California; Paul LesStrang of Ringle, Wisconsin; Linda Keefer of Ridgefield, Connecticut; and Christian LesStrang of San Francisco, California—along with his 11 grandchildren and great-grandson.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in extending condolences to the family of Jacques LesStrang and in remembering his many achievements.

MARION: A COMMUNITY OF
CHARACTER

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, at a time when America has rediscovered the power of traditional virtues, I bring to your attention an inspiring project that students in Marion in the Fourth Congressional District of Ohio have undertaken.

Students at the Elgin Junior and Senior High Schools have embraced President George W. Bush's "Community of Character" initiative. The Elgin Energizer Show Choir, under the direction of Tanyce J. Addison, is highlighting the theme of character during its music programs. The students are performing public concerts, including one entitled "A Concert of Character," that have inspired children and adults alike. These performances are sending a positive message about the importance of good character and moral conduct.

Setting an example for her students, Ms. Addison secured a \$500 "Music With Character" grant that has allowed students to share their musical gifts with the community. Other projects have included a concert with a drug-free message, and a collection of student essays and poetry. According to Ms. Addison, these events "have been tremendously accepted by the students and the community. We have many more activities planned to continue on."

In praise of this project, the principal at Elgin High School, Robert A. Britton, wrote, "We here in the Elgin Local School District are making a serious attempt at instituting the message that President George W. Bush was delivering to an elementary school in Florida on September 11, 2001."

I have informed President Bush that he will find, in Marion, a shining example of a community embracing the values that have kept America strong through every challenge. The students at Elgin are a source of pride for the community, and serve as an example for the nation.

As Marion's representative in Congress, I am pleased to be able to take this opportunity to recognize the work of the students, Ms. Addison, and the Elgin Local School District.

CELEBRATING THE 15 YEARS OF
REVEREND DR. KENNY SMITH'S
PASTORSHIP

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great citizen of Northern Virginia, Reverend Dr. Kenny Smith. He is currently serving as pastor at the First Baptist Church of Vienna, Virginia. Along with celebrating Rev. Smith's 15 years of service, the Church is celebrating its 134th anniversary of serving the community.

Rev. Kenny Smith is originally from Atlanta, Georgia, and attended the University of Nebraska-Omaha, Howard University, and Virginia Union University.

His resume includes a great deal of other accomplishments. Most recently, he received the Dean's Pastor's Award from the Dean of Howard University's School of Theology and the Outstanding Achievement in Religion Award from the Howard University Alumni Club of Northern Virginia. He is a well traveled man as well. He visited Israel, the seven churches mentioned in Revelation (Turkey), the Isle of Patmos (Greece), as well as 8 other countries.

Reverend Smith currently serves on the General Board of the Baptist General Convention in Richmond, Virginia. He is also on the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity. Previously, he held a position with the Fairfax County Branch of the NAACP.

Through his leadership, the First Baptist Church has continued its excellence in serving the community. One organization that the church is constantly willing to support is Habitat for Humanity. The members of the church have assisted in building many homes for families in need. The church even helped with the cost of the supplies.

In 1996, members of the church traveled to South Carolina to help in the rebuilding of churches, after several were burned down by acts of arson. And under the guidance of Rev. Smith, members of the church went, along with another local church, to Haiti on a missionary project.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I want to send my best wishes to Reverend Dr. Kenny Smith for his 15th anniversary with the First Baptist Church of Vienna and wish him the best in his future endeavors. It's been said that a good leader takes a little more than his share of the blame, a little less than his share of the credit. This is the kind of selfless humility that has characterized Reverend Smith's tenure at his church. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating this fine citizen.

IN HONOR OF VERNON K. JONES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Vernon K. Jones in recognition of his remarkable career in business and as an entrepreneur.

Vernon K. Jones is married to Marcella Jones, a dance teacher at JHS 258, in Brooklyn; they have two sons, Vernon Jr. and

Avery. They own a home in Clinton Hill, Brooklyn. Vernon has a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting with extensive coursework in Business Management and Marketing, from St. Francis College, in Brooklyn. He used his education to become an Accountant for the Industrial Bank of Japan. After working there for two years he joined Showtime/The Movie Channel as an Accounting Coordinator. Following one year in that position he decided to go out on his own and start his own business.

Vernon started a commercial building maintenance company, Reliable Cleaning Corp. His company grew to employ over 25 full time and 15 part time employees. The company was reorganized in 1996, giving employees the opportunity to own and operate their own independent cleaning service business, as an alternative to franchising. Within a four-year period, Reliable, Inc. grew to over 150 accounts. Vernon helped to start over 50 entrepreneurs in their own commercial cleaning business in New York City. Last year, Mr. Jones sold his cleaning business to one of the companies that he helped to start so that he could fully concentrate on the development of his new business venture, "itsabout.com, inc.". His new corporation is responsible for creating business concepts and developing these concepts into strong independent businesses. "Itsabout.com, inc." will own a majority stake in each developed business. This has been a dream of Vernon's since he was a young boy, to own a majority stake in various businesses that he conceptualized.

The first company developed by "itsabout.com, inc." is New York City Teachers, Inc. This company was developed to leverage the power of the teachers in the NYC Public School system. Through Vernon's marketing and business management experience, New York City Teachers, Inc. already have over 6,000 teachers on board with the company. This is remarkable because the company was just launched in May 2001, with the help of his wife, Marcella.

Just as in the commercial cleaning business, Vernon is using unorthodox marketing strategies. He is giving all 81,000 NYC public school teachers an equity stake in the Corporation. The goal is to have all of the teachers involved, through a monthly newspaper that will be sent to every teacher's home, which will begin within the next 6 months. He is also in the process of partnering with a Massachusetts company, which has agreed to provide Internet access to all NY Teachers and this will form a strong Online community, very similar to America Online. The online teacher community is "NYCteachers.com", and the offline teacher community will be the monthly newspaper, seminars events to honor good teachers, etc.

In between running his businesses and spending time with his family, Vernon coaches youth basketball teams during the summer, fall and winter seasons. This is his way to educate kids about life.

Mr. Speaker, Vernon K. Jones is a remarkable businessman, entrepreneur and community leader. As such he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today. I urge my colleagues to joining me in honoring this truly remarkable man.

TRIBUTE TO MARY ANN HEIMERS

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Ann Heimers for her many accomplishments and contributions to the people of San Diego and, in particular, our community in East County. Mary Ann, and her husband Wolf Heimers, have lived in my district for over 35 years and have been strong pillars of the El Cajon business community for 48 years. Mary Ann has touched thousands of lives through her many years of service as a volunteer.

Mrs. Heimers is always at the forefront of assisting those in need. She has spent over twenty years in service to our neighborhood's elderly, sick, and those who just need a helping hand. Mary Ann's dedication to others is evident in the work she performs with non-profit groups in San Diego, such as Victory Chapel, SHARE, the Food Pantry, and the countless number of people she helps every day. Last year, she was named Volunteer of the Year for 2000 by a local service club for her outstanding work in San Diego County.

I have personally worked beside Mary Ann on many occasions and have witnessed her commitment to our community and the joy and comfort she brings to those who need it most. Again, I am honored to rise today in special recognition of my friend Mary Ann, and join her friends and family, including her husband Wolf, son Richard, daughter Susan, and grandchildren, to commend her work and thank her for her tireless efforts throughout the many years of service to our community and our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO THE EISENHOWER MEDICAL CENTER

HON. MARY BONO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mrs. BONO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eisenhower Medical Center on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary.

Eisenhower Medical Center is the only not-for-profit hospital in the Coachella Valley.

The mission of Eisenhower Medical Center is "to provide excellent health care services and education to enhance the health of our community."

Eisenhower Medical Center has provided high quality, compassionate patient care through a full range of state-of-the-art diagnostic treatment, and emergency facilities to residents of the Coachella Valley and beyond for 30 years.

The spirit of volunteerism, philanthropy and patriotism found at Eisenhower is truly impressive. There are more than 800 active volunteers working at the medical center and nearly 1,800 Auxiliary members.

The Boards of Trustees, Directors and Governors, physicians, employees and volunteers are dedicated to maintaining Eisenhower's leadership role in providing quality patient care and community service.

Eisenhower's reputation for outstanding patient care attracts physicians and professional

staff from the finest in their fields. Their expertise in clinical care, combined with compassion and understanding, has made Eisenhower the health care provider of choice in the Coachella Valley.

The 261 bed hospital continues to be a leader in providing innovative treatment, leading-edge procedures and important clinical research in cardiology, orthopedics and cancer care.

Eisenhower conducts the type of research typically found at university-based medical centers in the fields of cancer care, orthopedics, infectious diseases and cardiology. The medical center's contributions to exploring new treatment methods in these fields are shaping the future of medicine around the world.

Eisenhower Medical Center is unique among hospitals, bringing health education through the Annenberg Center for Health Sciences, drug and alcohol treatment through the Betty Ford Center, and care for victims of child abuse through the Barbara Sinatra Children's Center.

As Eisenhower looks towards its future, all of the constituents of California's 44th Congressional District can be comforted in knowing of the expansion of their services. The new millennium will usher in the extension of programs in Cardiology, Cancer Care, and Orthopedics.

Again, I would like to recognize the contributions that Eisenhower Medical Center has made to the thousands of constituents who have received medical assistance over the past 30 years.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 3423

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing today a bill to make certain reservists eligible for burial at Arlington National Cemetery. I am joined by the Honorable FRANK WOLF, Honorable MIKE BILIRAKIS, Honorable STEVE BUYER, Honorable MIKE SIMPSON, Honorable RICHARD BAKER, Honorable ROB SIMMONS and Honorable TOM DAVIS in introducing this measure. Our bill would allow burial at Arlington National Cemetery of (1) reserve members under age 60 who but for their age would have been eligible at the time of their death for retired pay under title 10; and (2) reserve component members who die in the line of duty while on active duty for training or inactive duty training. The bill would be effective for interments occurring after the date of enactment.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that this Nation affords a final resting place for every veteran who has honorably served in its Armed Forces. The Department of Veterans Affairs administers 133 national cemeteries throughout the United States, and since 1980 has provided \$82 million in grants to states to establish or expand 42 state veterans cemeteries. Last year, over 82,000 veterans and family members were interred in VA cemeteries and more than 14,000 veterans and family members were buried in state veterans cemeteries. In addition, 3,727 veterans and family members were buried at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC), which is administered by the Department of the Army.

I will not recite the storied history of this cemetery nor the famous Americans who are buried there. However, because there is limited space for in-ground burial at the cemetery, in 1967 the Army adopted rules restricting eligibility as to which veterans can be buried at ANC. (ANC will provide space for cremated remains in its columbaria for an honorably discharged veteran eligible for burial at any of the other national cemeteries.) In general, Army rules restrict in-ground burial at ANC to veterans who were wounded in combat, died on active duty, received one of the military services' highest awards for gallantry, were held as a prisoner of war, or retired from military service. In addition, veterans who do not meet these criteria but whose served in a high Federal office (e.g. cabinet secretary, Supreme Court justice, Member of the House or Senate) are also eligible, as are the immediate family members of all veterans buried there.

Under the current Army rules, which few Americans are familiar with, a reservist who has retired from the Armed Forces but is not yet age 60 is ineligible for in-ground burial at ANC. Similarly, members of the reserve components who die while performing training duty on a weekend or for a two-week period are not eligible for in-ground burial at ANC, even though servicemembers who die in similar circumstances while on active duty would be eligible for such burial.

Given the increased responsibilities assigned to our Reserve and National Guard forces, I believe that a compassionate government should treat these reserve component members whose death is in the line of duty in the same manner as those active duty members whose death occurs in the line of duty. We should honor their service and the loss of their lives the same, even though their families may elect not to bury them at Arlington. That is the purpose of this legislation, and I urge Members to support it.

IN HONOR OF SHARONNIE M.
PERRY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the outstanding community service of Sharonnie M. Perry.

Sharonnie Perry was born in Bedford Stuyvesant in Brooklyn, New York. She is the mother of two sons, Da-Shawn and Jah-Son and the proud grandmother of Jayla and Jah-Son.

Serving her church and her community for over thirty years, Sharonnie has distinguished herself as a hard worker committed to service. She is part of numerous community organizations, including Our Lady of Charity Church, The Knights of Peter Claver Auxiliary Court 229 and Solid Ground Ministries where she works closely with Father James E. Goode and Grandlady Carmela Rodriguez. Involving herself in the politics of the community. She has served as a campaign manager for some of Brooklyn's most powerful elected officials from all levels of government. Sharonnie is currently the District Director in my Fulton Street Office as well as the Chairperson of Community Board 5.

Following her motto: "I have come to serve and not be served", Sharonnie has received numerous awards and acknowledgements for her tireless efforts. By extending her hands to those in need and dedicating her life to her brothers and sister. Sharonnie has brought hope to those on the verge of giving up. As Co-Chair of the Ladies HIV/AIDS and Homeless Ministry, she helps to provide meals, shelter and the comfort of visitation to those many choose to forget. As the founder of the First Women's Day to be held in the Catholic Church, Sharonnie raised over \$75,000 in funds to buy a church van for Our Lady of Charity Church and to make renovations in the Malcolm-Bethune Hall.

Sharonnie has evangelized on both the local and national levels. Performing the opening prayer service at the National Convention for the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary for the past six years has been one of her greatest pleasures. She has had the honor of being invited to be the keynote speaker at the Young Black Achievers program and the HIV/AIDS prayer service in the Archdiocese of New York. Using a very personal and "hands on" approach, Sharonnie has been invited over and over again to conduct workshops across the City. Most recently, she facilitated the HIV/AIDS workshop for the Office of Black Catholics in the Bronx. Sharonnie, also conducted a workshop in July 2001 for the National Gathering of Black Catholic Women sponsored by the National Black Sister Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, Sharonnie Perry's contributions to Brooklyn have definitely improved the quality of life for her neighbors and her community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

TRIBUTE TO DEBORAH ERVIN

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Deborah Ervin of Edinburg, Illinois, and her effort to honor all those who gave their lives for the United States of America.

Ms. Ervin is a woman with a cause. Like so many brave young Americans, her brother in law was killed while serving his country in the Vietnam war. Sometime after this tragic event, Deborah decided to fly a flag in his honor—only to find that no flag specifically honoring those who died in combat existed. Not to be deterred, Ms. Ervin decided that if such a flag did not exist, that she would just have to create it.

It was a long process, but I was lucky enough to be presented with the results: a beautiful flag meant to honor all those men and women who have died for their country. The flag portrays an American eagle in flight to represent the strength and freedom of America; above the eagle is a blue cross that is meant to represent the sacrifice of those who have died. Both the eagle and cross are within the outline of a solemn tombstone, with a background of red and white stripes.

Ms. Ervin wished me to fly the flag in honor of her brother, and I have honored her re-

quest—it now stands proudly outside of my office. In addition, she also wished us to forward a second flag on to Mayor Giuliani in New York. This we have done in honor of the brave policemen, firefighters, men, women and children who lost their lives to terrorism on September 11th.

Mr. Speaker, in creating this flag Ms. Ervin has done us all a great service. Recent events have served to remind us that we can remain free only because our people are willing to defend that freedom, and this flag is a fitting tribute to them. Ms. Ervin deserves our thanks, not only for creating such a heartwarming symbol, but also for her patriotism and devotion to her country. May God bless her, and may God bless the United States of America.

THE OVER-THE-ROAD BUS SECURITY AND SAFETY ACT OF 2001

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today, the leadership of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has introduced the Over-the-Road Bus Security and Safety Act of 2001. This bipartisan legislation puts in place a bus security program to better protect the bus riding public.

The latest figures from the American Bus Association demonstrate that the over-the-road bus industry, comprised of private bus and tour and travel operators, transports 774 million passengers annually. The industry's 800 bus operators and almost 200 tour operators, using 40,000 motor coaches, transport more passengers than the airlines and Amtrak combined (650 million passengers). In addition, Greyhound Bus Lines and its interline partners take passengers to some 4,000 destinations, more than 7 times the number served by air or Amtrak.

Since the attacks of September 11, 2001, the Committee has reemphasized its examination of all modes of transportation security. As an important element of multi-modal transportation, the over-the-road bus industry must increase its security measures. Unfortunately, recent terrorist acts on foreign buses and bus stations demonstrate the necessity for bus security. In fact, an analysis of worldwide terrorist activities from 1920–2000 shows that 49% of terrorist attacks involve a bus or a bus facility.

While bus operators have made some security improvements, Congress must provide assistance to their ongoing efforts. Our legislation establishes a grant program that will be administered by the Secretary of Transportation. Eligible uses include expanding the passenger and baggage screening process, establishing electronic ticketing, hiring security officers and making physical security improvements to bus stations. This program is authorized at \$200 million in the first fiscal year. After an appropriation is made, a twenty-five cent per ticket fee will be taken on tickets over five dollars. This fee will be used to fund the bus safety program in the following fiscal years.

This is an affordable bill that brings the priceless bargain of security to the bus riding public. I hope that my colleagues support this bipartisan effort to better protect the bus riding public.

STOP STROKE ACT

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, the United States spends over \$30 billion each year in caring for persons who have suffered from strokes. Stroke is the third leading cause of death in this country, claiming the life of an individual every three and a half minutes. Today, Congresswoman CAPPS and I are introducing a bill that will help to educate the public on the symptoms of stroke and the importance of rapid treatment.

My home state of Mississippi is ranked seventh in leading the nation in stroke deaths. The STOP Stroke Act will provide the necessary tools to help hundreds of thousands of Americans make the right choice in seeking medical help with the onset of a stroke. We know that it is important that treatment be administered as quickly as possible after a stroke, yet fewer than three percent of patients receive clot-dissolving drugs that are necessary to improve the patient's recovery.

It is important that we take the steps that are required to educate the American public about the symptoms and treatments of strokes. We must work to pass the Stroke Treatment and Ongoing Prevention (STOP Stroke) Act to ensure that we save lives and improve the quality of medical treatment to stroke victims.

IN MEMORY OF STAN KAPLAN

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, Stan Kaplan survived the Depression, fought in World War II, and in 1965 moved with his wife, Sis, to Charlotte, North Carolina, where they purchased a radio station and took it to the top of the rating charts. Stan Kaplan died this week, leaving his adopted community far better than he found it. The Charlotte Observer sketched his life in an article that I would like to share with other Members of Congress. One can say of Stan Kaplan's life as another transplanted Charlottean, Harry Golden, said of his own life: Only in America.

I submit "Kaplan, Unsung, if Seldom Unheard, Hero" for inclusion in the RECORD.

KAPLAN: UNSUNG, IF SELDOM UNHEARD, HERO
(By Jim Morrill and Mark Washburn)

He was a brash Yankee who brought his liberal politics and oversize personality to a Southern city that still minded its manners. Over the next four decades, Stan Kaplan never changed. But Charlotte did, often with a nudge from him. That awkward beginning turned into a comfortable, mutually beneficial partnership.

Kaplan, who suffered from cancer died late Monday of a heart attack. He was 76. A funeral will be at noon today at Temple Beth El, 5101 Providence Road.

Along with his wife, Sis, Kaplan helped transform Charlotte radio and founded the weekly Leader newspaper. He became a civic fixture who gave generously to the arts and other causes, as well as Democratic candidates.

"He was one of the great unsung heroes of Charlotte in the last 50 years," said developer Johnny Harris. "Stan and Sis have been such a major part of making this city better for all the people."

In a city of gray suits, Kaplan was a Technicolor character.

With beefy girth and bushy eyebrows, he managed a rumpled look despite tailored suits and French cuffs. He loved golf, good cigars and fancy cars. He once drove a Rolls Royce with a hood ornament that featured his own likeness, cigar and all.

A Pennsylvania native, he was a consummate salesman.

During the Depression he sold Band-Aids on the street and one year made more money than his father, a furniture salesman. After going off to fight in Normandy, he returned home and bounced around a succession of colleges and jobs in radio management.

He was working in syndication when he met Sis Atlans. More smitten with her than she was with him, he turned to a sales technique: flip charts.

"Stanley's fantastic," said one.

"You'll just love being married to him," said another.

"He's better looking than you think," read a third.

It worked. He and Sis, the daughter of a Chicago broadcasting executive, decided to buy their own radio station. Scouring the country, they settled in 1965 on a small Charlotte station called WAYS-AM, then in last place among eight AM stations.

The Kaplans renamed it "Big WAYS," changed the music to Top 40—then an alien format in the Carolinas—and spent lavishly on talent. Kaplan had a gift for gimmicks, and his first one shot the station past market leader WBT, then a courtly CBS affiliate still airing "The Arthur Godfrey Show" and soap operas.

He buried \$10,000 and launched the "Big-WAYS" treasure hunt, giving clues over the air. The hunt transformed Charlotte into a moonscape of craters. Excavations were found in vacant lots, parks and private yards. Police complained. So did the Federal Communications Commission. But Kaplan was undeterred, telling a critic at The Charlotte News, "You can say what you want, just get my call letters right."

The critic was John Kilgo, who later worked for Kaplan as news director of WAYS and is now associate publisher of The Leader. "He was an extremely competitive man," Kilgo said. "He would win the ratings battle and send a ratings book over to WBT to make sure they saw it."

Jim Babb, then general sales manager at WBT, said, "Stanley turned the radio market upside down for the paltry sum of \$10,000."

Riding rock music's surge of popularity, "Sixty-wonderful WAYS" was soon king of Charlotte radio and the talk of the industry. Kaplan bought another station—WROQ-FM—in 1972. He had an eye for talent and hired a hit parade of personalities including Morton Downey Jr., Jay Thomas, Robert Murphy, Long John Silver and Jack Gale.

"Stan hired people a little left of center, brilliant broadcasters but quirky in their own way. But Stan loved that. They were personalities," said NBC6 forecaster Larry Sprinkle, who spent 13 years at the station.

Since 1950, when he campaigned in Boston for a young Jack Kennedy's congressional campaign, Kaplan remained a fan of the family, campaigning later for Bobby and Ted Kennedy. On the Kaplans' 10th anniversary, they were feted at a party by Bobby Kennedy's widow, Ethel.

"I don't know anybody who knew Stanley who didn't love him," said former Kennedy aide Frank Mackiewicz.

He donated generously to N.C. Democrats, including Harvey Gantt, Jim Hunt and John Edwards.

"While he loved politics, you wouldn't say he was politic himself," said retired banker Hugh McColl Jr., a longtime friend. "Stanley was an in-your-face kind of guy."

The outspoken Kaplan once shoved a WBT reporter, which brought him an assault charge and eventual acquittal.

Through it all, he remained a salesman. Selling his radio stations, buying a newspaper, selling it and buying it again.

"He couldn't stay out of the action," said McColl. "I was always advising him to enjoy the roses, but that wasn't him. He was always back in the fray. Loved it too much. Loved the competition."

In addition to his wife, Kaplan is survived by daughters Leslie Kaplan Schlernitzauer and Susan Kaplan Guild. The family requests memorials be made to Temple Beth El, or to Charlotte Children's Hospital Fund in honor of Grace Schlernitzauer through the Foundation for the Carolinas, 217 S. Tryon St.

In an unusual tribute, at least 14 Charlotte radio stations will observe a moment of silence this afternoon in Kaplan's memory.

Jay Thomas, the former Kaplan DJ who went on to become a TV star, last spoke to Kaplan a week ago, as Kaplan lay ill with cancer. To his surprise, Kaplan started talking about his latest marketing project for The Leader.

"I said, 'Stan, I can't believe you're still trying to make sales calls,'" Thomas recalls. "He said, 'Just think. There's going to be someone out there who's going to say I was Stan Kaplan's last pitch.'"

IN HONOR OF NEIL J. MOORE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Mr. Neil J. Moore in recognition of his service to New York City's healthcare community.

Neil J. Moore has spent his entire career with the New York City Health and Hospital Corporation since starting as a High School Cooperative Intern in 1979. He has established a true commitment to public service. Today, he is a results oriented executive with broad-based knowledge in all areas of hospital finance. He is presently the Deputy Chief Financial Officer at the North Brooklyn Health Network which includes Woodhull Hospital and Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Center.

He has served in numerous capacities at other Health and Hospitals Corporation facilities including Kings County Hospital, East New York Diagnostic and Treatment Center and Dr. Susan Smith McKinney Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

He received a Masters of Public Administration degree from Long Island University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Resources from St. Joseph College and has also completed studies towards an MBA degree. In addition, he completed an executive development program in Public Policy at New York University. Neil is affiliated with several national organizations, which includes the American College of Health Care Executives, The National Association of Health Services Executives, The National Association of Public

Hospitals and the Health Care Finance Management Association. He volunteers his services as the Treasurer for the New York Chapter of the National Association of Health Service Executives.

Neil provides mentorship to undergraduates and graduate students from the Institute of Diversity, a program designed to develop aspiring minority health care executives. He is also involved in the Long Island University mentoring program. He has conducted motivational speaking lectures for high school students on many occasions. His goal is to make a difference and to close the gap in the disparities that exist in healthcare by ensuring that more minority students become health care providers.

Neil is married to Carol Moore. He and Carol are the proud parents of Oneika, Dionne and Joshua.

Mr. Speaker, Neil J. Moore has dedicated himself to the healthcare and education of his community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving this recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable man.

**DELHI BULLDOGS, NEW YORK
STATE CHAMPS**

HON. SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and offer congratulations to the Delhi varsity football team which is the pride and joy of the Delhi community after winning the New York State Class C Football Championship. The Bulldogs, under the leadership of veteran coach Dave Kelly, defeated a tough-as-nails Cambridge team 39–21 to secure a school-record 12th win of the season and the state title.

Football is the ultimate team sport, and the young men of the Delhi Bulldogs have reached the pinnacle of achievement at their level of competition. Proof of the team's extraordinary ability can be found beyond the score in the words of the opposing coach in the championship game: "There are not a whole lot of teams that can beat you the way Delhi can. They seem to do everything well." That's a high compliment.

Mr. Speaker, big plays at crucial times in the game proved to be the difference. One of the biggest plays was an interception by defensive back Tom Tuthill in the end zone that stopped a Cambridge scoring drive with just under six minutes left in the 4th quarter. At the time, Delhi was clinging to a 32–21 lead. Tuthill had another interception in the game as well, along with two picks by teammate Mike Barnes.

On offense, the team was led by the cohesive offensive line, quarterback Chris Clark, running backs Brian Neale and Brett Sohns, and big play receiver Mike Barnes. As an offensive unit, they got the job done.

Not only was the Bulldog's impact felt on the field, but felt off the field as well. More than 3,000 supporters of the team traveled to Syracuse to watch what was probably the biggest game in school history. They did not go home disappointed.

These young men have achieved greatness on the football field. There is no doubt in my

mind that they can channel what they learned this year from one another on the football field under Coach Kelly's direction to the rest of their life's activities. That's the great thing about interscholastic sports.

Mr. Speaker, the Delhi Bulldogs varsity football team has made their coaches, classmates, teachers, parents, and the entire Delhi community proud. They have also made their Congressman proud.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, December 5, 2001, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote No. 475. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 475.

**EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS
IN HONORING THE CREW AND
PASSENGERS OF UNITED AIR-
LINES FLIGHT 93**

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Con. Res. 232, which formally expresses the sentiment of Congress in honoring the crew and passengers aboard United Airlines Flight 93.

On September 11, 2001, four aircraft were hijacked and then simultaneously used as weapons of mass destruction against the United States. Through the selfless acts of the crew and passengers, one of those aircraft, United Airlines Flight 93, fell far short of its intended target—Washington, D.C. I have no doubt that it is because of the heroic actions taken by the crew and passengers of Flight 93, that the Washington D.C. area did not sustain more damage. We owe them our eternal gratitude.

Like the Pan Am 103 terrorist attack in December 1988, the events of September 11th have challenged us as a nation, and have forced this Congress and this Administration to re-evaluate the state of security for domestic and international commercial air service.

On November 19, 2001, President Bush signed into law the Aviation and Transportation Security Act (P.L. 107–71). This Act completely overhauls our nation's aviation security system. In addition to integrating all security functions within a new Transportation Security Administration, the Act also federalizes the screening workforce to greatly improve the quality of the screening process. Further, the Act mandates 100 percent checked-baggage screening, strengthens cockpit security, expands the Federal Air Marshal program, and ensures that all crewmembers receive proper training to deal with terrorist attacks. These changes will go far to close loopholes in aviation security. Equally important, however, is to ensure that our intelligence gathering keeps pace with these new

threats. Credible, potential threat information must be readily synthesized and disseminated to prevent a future tragedy such as that befalling Flight 93.

Eleven years ago, the President's Commission on Aviation Security and Terrorism, on which I served as a Commissioner, recommended that we become more aggressive in our intelligence gathering, evaluation, and dissemination. Quoting from the report,

The Commission also recommends greater emphasis within the intelligence community on developing a specific union whose principle function will be long-term strategic thinking and planning on terrorism. The objective is to be better able to anticipate future terrorist strategies and tactics, rather than simply to react to incidents as they occur.

This is the most challenging aspect of our aviation security network. It is difficult to penetrate these highly-secretive organizations that operate on a war-like footing. The Aviation and Transportation Security Act requires the coordination and sharing and dissemination of intelligence information among federal agencies, including the new Transportation Security Administration. Counter-terrorism also requires renewed higher-level coordination through Interpol, with our allies, and with other nations like Russia and China, as the PanAm Commission recommended eleven years ago. The skills of terrorists have stepped up several levels since the Commission's 1990 report. We must ensure that our counter-intelligence rises to meet that threat.

With the appropriate counter-intelligence efforts and security implemented to the fullest extent, we can ensure that the legacy of the crew and passengers of Flight 93 is world-class aviation and inter-modal security system. Our citizens can forever enjoy the freedom of travel that this great nation provides to the envy of the rest of the world.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

THE CLEAN DIAMOND TRADE ACT

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a cosponsor H.R. 2722 to give it my full support and urge my colleagues to join me in passing this important piece of legislation. This bill will improve the lives of countless persons in Africa and around the world.

For too long, the diamond trade has been a source of funds for violent rogue leaders and their cronies to purchase the weapons they use to terrorize, dominate, and murder innocent civilians in some of the world's most desperate countries. The illegal diamond trade has also been a significant source of funds for the al Qaeda terrorist organization and Osama bin Laden. Wars have been fought and entire populations have been eliminated in pursuit of this dirty money, but today the United States Congress will act to cut off the flow of these "Conflict Diamonds."

Today, we take the first step to prohibit the importation of conflict diamonds and their derivatives into the United States. This will have an immediate and major impact on the international diamond market. The United States is

a major buyer of diamonds, and our importation policy will immediately begin to end the trade in conflict diamonds and force international diamond brokers to certify that their suppliers do not engage in illegal activities.

I am pleased to see that the United States is taking such swift and determined action on this important issue. This is an important day for international human rights, and our actions here today will have a lasting impact on the lives of millions around the world. Please join me in voting "yes" on H.R. 2722.

IN HONOR OF NICOLE CHRIS-STINA
MASON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Nicole Chris-stina Mason in recognition of her selection as the Concerned Women of Brooklyn's Youth of the Year.

Nicole Chris-stina Mason was born in Brooklyn on October 8, 1984 and she has been raising eyebrows ever since. She is currently a junior at Boys and Girls High with a B average in the honors program. As she looks to the future, Nicole is preparing for the challenges and opportunities that will be offered in college. She is planning attending either Ohio State or the University of Florida to study Computer Engineering next fall.

In addition to focusing on her schoolwork, Nicole is involved in numerous other activities. At Boys and Girls High School, during the spring semester, Nicole is a part of the softball team. She has been on the team now for three-years and hopes to continue playing in college. Also, during her lunchtime, Nicole volunteers in the school snack store. When she is not in school, Nicole works part-time at McDonald's to save money for college.

During Nicole's young life she has already received numerous honors: in junior high school, Nicole received the Principal Award for being on the honor roll for both years of Junior High School; she received an athletic award, a leadership award, a Presidential Education Award signed by then President Bill Clinton, and a Science Award from the United Federation of Teachers Science Committee for my Science Award winning 1st place in the science fair. More recently, at Boys and Girls High School she has received awards in math and computer as "student of the month", a Martin Luther King Jr. Award, an Achievement Award, several Honor Roll plaques, and also had her picture and biography in the United States Achievement Academy 2000 National Awards book for Foreign Language. Outside of school, she has received a Choir Member of the Year Award from Berean Missionary Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker, Nicole Chris-stina Mason is a rising star. She has received numerous awards and is just beginning what will be a life full of success. This weekend she is being honored by the Concerned Women of Brooklyn as their Youth of the Year. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this young woman on the cusp of stardom.

HONORING SHERIFF PATRICK J.
SULLIVAN, JR.

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I consider it a great privilege to have this opportunity to pay tribute to Mr. Patrick J. Sullivan, Jr. He has dedicated the majority of his life to preserving the rights and freedoms of American citizens. He will be honored on December 10, 2001 as a recipient of the Annual Civil Rights Award presented by the Civil Rights Committee of the Mountain States office of the Anti-Defamation League.

Patrick Sullivan began his service as a law enforcement officer in 1962 at the Littleton Police Department. In 1983, he was appointed to the position of Sheriff of the Arapahoe County Sheriffs Department, which he still holds today. In addition to winning every election campaign for Sheriff since 1984, he has accomplished many goals in his effort to protect American citizens. His most widely recognized initiative is in his ongoing fight against hate crimes. In this fight he has testified before this body of Congress and has played an active and successful role in creating the U.S. Department of Justice Hate Crime Training Program.

Mr. Speaker, as a former police officer myself, it is my honor to recognize Sheriff Patrick Sullivan, Jr. for his dedication to the safety of America's citizens. He has accomplished many endeavors at both the national and local levels. Sheriff Sullivan deserves not only the recognition inherent in receiving the Annual Civil Rights Award, but also the praise and admiration of this body. Congratulations Sheriff Sullivan, thank you for your service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MR. ALLAN
JONES

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the generosity of and pay tribute to one of my constituents—Mr. Allan Jones.

Mr. Jones lives in Bradley County, Tennessee, where he grew up. During his high school years, he became a member of the wrestling team. He has said that wrestling taught him determination, discipline and character.

In the years since his high school wrestling career, he has certainly exhibited these qualities. Most recently, he did so with a large donation to the Cleveland High School to build a first-class wrestling center. This donation represents more than \$1 million that Mr. Jones has given to the sport of wrestling in his hometown.

This is the largest amount ever given by one individual to a public high school in Tennessee.

Groundbreaking on this new facility was held only weeks after the gift was made, and the construction was completed in six months.

The center was named the W.A. Jones Arena after Mr. Jones' father. This 10,000

square foot facility will seat 500 people and be open year-round for wrestling events.

The Cleveland High School wrestling coach described the new center when he said, "This is a dream come true. I can tell you that we'll be the envy of the wrestling teams in the area".

Mr. Jones has also provided financial assistance for needed equipment, and scholarship funds for local wrestlers. In addition, he organized and funded the first Wrestling Kids Club.

He has also made many other contributions in his community that are really too lengthy to mention. Mr. Jones is someone who cares about the young people in our Country, and his efforts will have a positive impact for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I believe we can all do more to give back to our communities. Allan Jones has set an example for all Americans.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE DEATH OF
MR. JOE FIGUEROA BARRAGAN

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the death of Mr. Joe Figueroa Barragan, a labor leader and a dear friend.

Mr. Barragan passed away on Sunday, November 18th from a heart attack. Joe Barragan was born in Jalisco, Mexico on May 12, 1957. He immigrated to America at the age of six along with his family and at the age of 31 became a U.S. citizen. Joe Barragan lived a life reflective of the inspiration he gained from Cesar Chavez, the great labor and civil rights leader. Mr. Barragan was often quoted saying "I believe that we are blessed by God to be in the Labor Movement and we should do our best every day to help improve the lives of others."

Mr. Barragan's career in the retail grocery business began as a clerk's helper in 1977. A decade later, he became a union representative and field director for the United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW). In 1991, Joe Barragan became President of Local 1428 of the UFCW. During his ten years as President of Local 1428, he earned the reputation of being one of the most progressive and innovative union in the nation.

Mr. Barragan also served as National President of United Latinos of UFCW and was former President and Vice President of Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA). Mr. Barragan was also very active in the Democratic Party, having been a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1996, participated in the Convention in Los Angeles in 2000. I am pleased that he supported me throughout my career.

Mr. Barragan will be truly missed by his wife of 21 years, Renata, his daughters, Lauren and Taylor, his family, friends, and fellow labor brothers and sisters. I am saddened by the loss of such an important member of our community. Mr. Barragan is a true leader that will be remembered for his personal sacrifice and service to his community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO HENRY
BERNARD DANNELS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the life and memory of a valuable member of the community of Estes Park, Colorado. Henry Bernard Dannels died recently, at the age of seventy-eight. He was a kind mind with a caring heart and will surely be missed by all those whom Henry knew.

Mr. Dannels was born in Longmont, Colorado in 1923. As a teenager, he moved with his family to Estes Park where he attended high school. He later went on to graduate from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley after which he began his public service. Dannels served as a Lieutenant and Commanding Officer in the Navy during World War II in the Pacific theatre. After returning to Colorado, Henry became a fixture for the youth in his community, volunteering for the Boy Scouts of America as a Cubmaster, Scoutmaster and Explorer Advisor. In recognition of his efforts, he was honored with the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America as well as the Golden Key Award from the City of Estes Park.

Henry's true dedication and service to his community began in 1972. Following in his father's footsteps, he was elected as a town trustee for Estes Park. He served as a town trustee until he was elected Mayor in 1984. Mr. Dannels served as a dedicated and caring Mayor until his retirement in 1996. Prior to retiring, he established a long list of achievements. His efforts and accomplishments did not go unnoticed. December 18, 1992 was named "Mayor Bernie's Day."

Mr. Speaker, Henry was a great asset to the people and the town of Estes Park, Colorado. He fought for Americans in the Pacific as well as in City Hall. My thoughts and prayers go out to Mr. Dannels' friends and family during these trying times. Henry's efforts will serve as a benchmark for those who follow his lead and his contributions will not be forgotten.

SLOVAK PARLIAMENT NARROWLY
DEFEATS REPEAL OF CRIMINAL
DEFAMATION PROVISIONS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, on November 8, Slovak Parliamentarian Tomas Galbavy, a member of the ruling Slovak Democratic Coalition, introduced an amendment to the Slovak penal code which would repeal articles that make defamation of certain public officials a crime. My fellow parliamentarian made an important stand at a time when many seem to believe that free speech is an expendable luxury. As Co-Chairman of the Helsinki Commission, I commend Deputy Galbavy for his efforts to strengthen one of the most important cornerstones of democracy.

The criminalization of slander, libel or defamation, as well as laws which purport to pro-

tect public officials or bodies from "insult," is a longstanding concern of Members of the Helsinki Commission. In fact, I have repeatedly raised concern about the use—or, more correctly—abuse of such laws. Most recently, at Commission hearings in September and October, I expressed concern about the use of such laws in the current crackdown on independent media in Azerbaijan. In November, "Insult laws" were again used as an excuse to close an independent paper in Azerbaijan. Frankly, Mr. Speaker, as an elected politician, I get "insulted" every day of the week—and twice on Sunday. It's part of the job.

I am not alone in my views. At OSCE meetings, the United States has repeatedly called for such laws to be repealed. Similarly, the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Opinion and Expression, the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, and the Organization of American States Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression issued a joint statement in February 2000 which concluded that "criminal defamation laws should be abolished."

Simply put, Mr. Speaker, Slovakia's current criminal defamation law—a holdover from a bygone era—is not consistent with the international commitments and obligations it has undertaken as a free and independent state. I am particularly concerned that journalist Alex Kratky has been charged with a criminal offense for criticizing a speech delivered by Slovak President Schuster. If found guilty, Kratky faces two years in prison for his opinions.

Unfortunately, the Galbavy amendment was defeated by the narrowest of margins, failing by just one vote. Although Deputy Speaker Pavol Hrusovksy voted in favor of the amendment, most of the other parliamentary leaders either abstained or did not participate in the vote. The Slovak Parliament came so close to doing the right thing, so close to demonstrating the kind of regional leadership so desperately needed, but stopped short by one vote.

I know the Slovak Parliament has a great deal of work before it now, and I particularly appreciate the work of the Parliament and the Government in supporting the war on terrorism and their efforts to ensure that U.N. Security Council Resolution 1373 is fully implemented. At the same time, I believe that there are still opportunities for Slovakia to act on the important human rights issue of criminal defamation.

First, the Constitutional Court could declare the provisions of Articles 102, 103 and 206 unconstitutional—especially bearing in mind, as Deputy Minister Lubomir Fogas has noted, Slovakia's Constitution gives priority to Slovakia's international human rights obligations. I hope, however, that Slovakia's elected leaders will not wait for the court to act, since that can take a long time. Instead the initiative could be reconsidered and, with a few more Deputies voting to repeal defamation and libel from the criminal code, Slovakia would set an example for other countries to emulate.

IN SUPPORT OF MEGAN SMITH,
2002 WINTER OLYMPICS TORCH
RUNNER FOR THE SIXTH CON-
GRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Megan Smith, an outstanding young citizen from my home town of New Britain, Connecticut. Megan is an excellent student, exceptional athlete and is highly esteemed by her peers for her positive attitude, considerate nature and high standards. For possessing these characteristics, Megan has been given the great honor of being selected as a 2002 Winter Olympics Torch Runner for my district.

Her accomplishments speak for themselves. Megan is ranked in the top five percent of her class, and deftly balances this commitment to her studies with an equally strong commitment to her athletics. She is a top player on her school's volleyball and basketball teams, and has already been accepted to Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut, on a full basketball scholarship beginning next fall.

Despite her rigorous schedule, Megan devotes many hours to performing community service work. She divides her time between Gaffney School's special education preschool program; St. Francis Middle School's basketball activities; and at tryouts and practices for the Connecticut Starters 10 National Team. Because of Megan's leadership, scholarship, character and service to her community, she was inducted into New Britain High School's Chapter of the National Honor Society and also was designated the female recipient of the Wendy's High School Heisman Scholar Athlete Award.

I cannot think of a better person to represent the Sixth Congressional District during the Olympic Torch run. Megan is an exemplary young woman whose giving heart and extraordinary talents will bring her much success. I salute Megan Smith for her invaluable contributions to her school and to her community. Congratulations.

REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE MIL-
LER PRESENTS WWII VETERAN
NICK COMINOS WITH MEDAL OF
HONOR

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I had the honor of joining the family and friends of WWII Veteran Nick Cominos in a ceremony to present several medals on Saturday, December 1, 2001, just days before the 60th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. These medals are a long-overdue recognition of his heroic efforts in the Dalmatian Islands and Greece as part of a covert reconnaissance operation that led to the retreat of the Nazis from the area in 1944.

Federal military decorations are awarded to members of the armed forces exhibiting valor and self-sacrifice, the heroic acts of Mr. Nick Cominos are worthy of such an honor.

Almost 58 years ago, on Christmas Eve Nick Cominos and his Company boarded the liberty ship, *Pierre L'enfant*, to join a large convoy to the Atlantic. Thirty-one days later Cominos' Company landed on the only one of the Dalmation Islands in Adriatic Sea not occupied by the Nazis, the Island of Vis.

From their base on the Island of Vis, Company C raided the Nazi occupied Island of Solta. Within two days, Company C and their allies had captured the island. This was not without a cost. Company C lost one man and six others were wounded, including Nick Cominos.

After recuperating and returning to Vis, in August of 1944, Mr. Cominos and his Company C were deployed to Greece where they parachuted behind enemy lines and conducted covert reconnaissance missions to disrupt the German occupation of Greece. The Nazis retreated from Greece in November of 1944, at which time the Greek/American Operational Group was disbanded.

The type of covert ground operations first used by Mr. Cominos and the men of Company C, 2671st Reconnaissance Battalion of the Office of Strategic Services are now being used to help fight the war against terrorism in Afghanistan.

Mr. Cominos and other World War II veterans have received numerous medals commemorating their service to this country during the war. However, because the records of the Office of Strategic Service were classified until 1988, the individual acts of bravery of Mr. Cominos and Company C have not been officially recognized.

Friday, December 7, 2001 is the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Many have drawn parallels between the terrorists attacks of September 11th and Pearl Harbor.

We have a living parallel. A WWII veteran and his Company who pioneered the types of special covert operations which are helping to bring closure to the tragic events of September 11.

In a time of national emergency, when we are once again engaged in military operations on foreign soil in an international effort to defend freedom, it is important to praise those who have served our country so courageously in the past and whose actions make them role models for our troops in Afghanistan and in future military efforts.

It is my honor to publicly recognize Mr. Nick Cominos for his acts of courage, heroism, and sacrifice in WWII.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CADET PATRICK HUX

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I would like to take this opportunity and pay tribute to a young man whose life was taken during his service to protect others. Cadet Patrick Hux, of the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado passed away on November 25, 2001. As our nation mourns his loss, our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends during this difficult period of time.

On a snowy night, Patrick and fellow cadets witnessed a driver in distress when the driv-

er's car, due to icy conditions, sped out of control and crashed into an embankment. Despite dangerous road conditions, the cadets stopped to provide the driver with assistance. This noble gesture cost Patrick his life. While assisting the driver, Patrick warned his fellow cadets of the impending danger. His honorable actions left him in harm's way.

Patrick is not unlike like the many members of our armed forces. He wanted to serve his country and he chose the Air Force as a way to help protect America. Many service people have lost their lives in the defense of the citizens of this nation, on and off the battlefield. For Patrick, his battlefield that night was an icy, snow-covered road.

Mr. Speaker, during this time of national tragedy, Patrick symbolizes what our men and women in the armed services stand for. They fight for our protection, for our way of life, and our freedom. Patrick looked out for his fellow citizens that terrible night, and his actions saved the lives of others. I would like to express my condolences to Patrick's family, the Air Force Academy, his fellow cadets, and friends. He touched the lives of many and he will be greatly missed.

CONGRATULATING LA OPINIÓN NEWSPAPER

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one of the most influential Spanish Language newspapers in the United States on its 75th anniversary. Founded on September 16, 1926, La Opinión has played an important role in the development of the Hispanic community by reporting on issues relevant to the many Hispanic subgroups in the United States.

La Opinión's journalistic contributions to the Hispanic community are many. Sixty percent of my constituents are Hispanic, they range from newly arrived to fifth generation immigrants. As the leading Spanish language newspaper, my constituents depend on La Opinión for various types of information, including news from their home countries, national events and learning about America's way of life. La Opinión provides useful information for everyday life, creates awareness of local, national and international issues, and promotes political consciousness.

La Opinión has established itself as a leader in the information world. It has demonstrated its true commitment to inform and educate the community objectively. However, its success rests most importantly in the ability to present material in a human way and making every story applicable to the reader's life.

Once again, I congratulate and commend the staff of La Opinión for their commitment to inform the Latino community in the 31st District of California for the last 75 years.

AUSTIN-EAST AND MARYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, every Member is proud when one of their hometown football teams has a winning season, but I am especially proud to say that two of my District's high school teams have won a Tennessee State Championship in their respective divisions. The Austin-East Roadrunners from Knoxville and the Maryville Rebels fought their way to victory on Saturday, December 1st.

For the Maryville Rebels, this was a remarkable repeat performance. As Running Back Carl Stewart said following the game, "It's tradition." In fact, this is the third time in four years that the Rebels have carried the title of State Champions. One of the keys to success that these players share is the belief that every game, no matter the odds, is winnable. They consistently remain focused on the next play and give it all they have.

For the Austin-East Roadrunners, this season was especially rewarding. Many of the Roadrunners had played together since they were seven-years-old, and Saturday's game offered the chance to end their season side-by-side as champions. As Austin-East Senior Mark Andrews said following the game, "Just tell Knoxville we've got a state championship * * *". To Mark and his teammates I say, I believe your team's efforts deserve to be shared with Knoxville and with the entire House of Representatives. Congratulations.

Those of us who have played football at any level know that it requires a lot of hard work, sweat and even, from time to time, a few tears beginning in summer training to achieve a state championship in December. These high school students have shown us all what can be accomplished with the right focus and dedication to excellence.

I believe we can all learn a lesson from the fine young men on both teams. Head Coaches George Quarles of Maryville and Stanton Stevens of Austin-East, along with every player, coach, parent and fan, should be proud of these teams' efforts—I know I am.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TONY BOBICKI

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Tony Bobicki of Alamosa, Colorado. Tony has recently been named to carry the Olympic torch for the 2002 Winter Games. As a representative of the City of Alamosa, Tony will be among 11,500 Americans selected to carry the torch across the United States.

This is a great honor for many individuals in the country, but more so for Tony. Tony was selected for overcoming a condition that threatened to take away his ability to walk. Diagnosed with hip socket deterioration at the age of six, Tony was told the chance to walk

again would be slim to none. With a determination known to many in the community, Tony refused to give up, left his crutches in the second grade, and learned to walk again. He went on to compete in the athletic arena and was awarded the Outstanding Athlete of the Year as a senior in high school.

Today, Tony is Captain of the Volunteer Fire Department, and with the use of a shoe insertion, leads a normal life. His condition still provides discomfort, but Tony is determined to live on. His determination led to his appointment to carry the torch for the community of Alamosa. In reaction to this honor, Tony stated he will "not walk but jog," during his torch bearing opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Tony Bobicki and his will to succeed in life. He has overcome insurmountable odds to walk again and his courage serves as a model for those suffering from similar ailments. I would like to extend my congratulations to Tony, his family, and the community upon receiving this honor for Alamosa and the State of Colorado. Good luck in your "jog" Tony and I wish you the best in your future endeavors.

A DRUM ROLL FOR SAGINAW
HIGH'S MARCHING BAND

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to sound the trumpets for the 107-member Saginaw High School Trojans Marching Band for consistently playing their way to victory in various musical competitions and also to praise Band Director Jeannine Coughlin for her persistence and determination in returning the Marching Trojans to a place of prominence among high school bands in mid-Michigan and across the nation.

When Jeannine Coughlin first picked up the director's baton in 1993 to lead the Marching Trojans, band membership was down to a low of thirty musicians and it was a struggle to recruit students to participate. Jeannine expeditiously remedied the situation by persuading young people that learning to play an instrument was within their capabilities if they were willing to put in the effort and practice. Her confidence and enthusiasm quickly spread throughout the school and a top notch marching band was reborn.

Moreover, the band's success has amplified, reaching well beyond the confines of its practice room and its performance venues. In their new black and gold uniforms, band members proudly display a sense of school pride and unity that goes a long way in instilling an admirable self-image and strong sense of self-respect for the entire student body.

I have had the privilege and pleasure of listening to the band and watching their well-choreographed dance routines as we marched together in a parade. I can personally attest to their superior musical skills, lively cadence and unbridled spirit. Their talent also has been widely recognized wherever they perform, including a first-place finish last May in the parade review competition at the Showcase Music Festival in Atlanta, Georgia. The squad beat out 22 other high school bands from across the country for the grand prize trophy

and \$200. The band also scored another first-place victory in the 2001 Mackinaw City Memorial Day Parade.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding the Saginaw High School Marching Trojans and Band Director Jeannine Coughlin for energizing the musical talents of young people and for providing unparalleled rhythmic interludes at sporting events, parades and so many functions throughout the year. Their dynamic and mellifluous performances will linger in the memories of listeners long after the show is over.

OVER-THE-ROAD BUS SECURITY
AND SAFETY ACT OF 2001

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I join my Transportation and Infrastructure Committee colleagues in introducing the Over-the-Road Bus Security and Safety Act of 2001. Since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, over-the-road bus drivers and passengers in the United States have been the targets of many serious assaults, including one assault killing seven passengers and another assault injuring 33 passengers. In addition, there have been at least three other serious over-the-road bus security breaches. Recent terrorist acts on Israeli buses and in bus stations further heighten the need for stronger bus security measures in the United States.

The intercity bus industry serves more than 4,000 destinations in the United States, and making intercity bus facilities secure is indeed a formidable task. Federal financial support is needed for passenger and baggage screening in terminals; implementation of a ticket identification system; emergency communications systems linked to police and emergency personnel; enhanced driver compartment security; increased security training; development and maintenance of information and communications systems with law enforcement; installing cameras and video surveillance equipment; and other measures to make buses, terminals, and garages more secure. The Over-the-Road Bus Security and Safety Act of 2001 authorizes the funding and requires the planning necessary to make these critical bus security improvements.

The legislation authorizes \$200 million in fiscal year 2002 to allow the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to private bus operators for system-wide security improvements to their operations. The bill imposes a 25-cent passenger surcharge in fiscal years 2002, 2003, and 2004 on tickets over \$5. The proceeds of the fee will be used by the Secretary for security grants in 2003 and future years.

Over-the-road buses, which transport approximately 774 million passengers annually, are the only viable means of transportation for many people throughout the country. They serve thousands of communities that have no other form of intercity public transportation and provide the only affordable means of transportation for millions in urban areas. Just as passage of aviation security legislation is vital to encouraging passengers to fly, again, intercity bus security legislation is needed to restore confidence in our intercity bus system.

The bill is not a handout. Since September 11, the intercity bus industry has spent millions on enhanced security measures. The funds provided by the bill will supplement measures already undertaken by the industry to increase the security of the bus system and restore the public's confidence in traveling by bus. I urge my colleagues, all of whom have communities in their districts served by intercity buses, to support this legislation.

Although I am proud to be an original cosponsor of this bill, I strongly encourage the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to take the next step and develop a comprehensive infrastructure security package. Recently, Congress enacted the Aviation and Transportation Security Act, the most important aviation security legislation of the last three decades. Although the Act creates a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for all transportation security functions, we have much work left to do. We have enormous security needs among all of our modes of transportation—from passenger and freight railroads, transit systems, and pipelines, to bridges, ports, and tunnels—and other infrastructure facilities, including public buildings, locks and dams, and wastewater and drinking water facilities.

For instance, I am very concerned about securing the railways that carry more than 40 percent of the nation's freight traffic and millions of passengers—both commuters and intercity travelers. Amtrak continues to play a vital role in the nation's transportation network. For example, even before the terrorist attacks, Amtrak carried more passengers between New York City and Washington, D.C. than either of the air shuttles. In cities and their surrounding areas throughout the nation, millions rely on commuter trains to get to work each day. New York's Penn Station handles nearly 400,000 Amtrak, rail commuter, and rail transit passengers every day. Yet the infrastructure—the bridges, tunnels, track, stations, yards, and other facilities—that supports all of these movements is not secure from sabotage or other terrorist acts.

At the same time, the Nation's freight railroads carry tremendous volumes of hazardous materials—more than one million tons daily of hazardous chemicals, 15 percent of the nation's total. In addition, the railroads are major transporters of coal, agricultural commodities, the products of mines and quarries, and manufactured goods, especially automobiles. If the railroads were shut down due to a terrorist action, the national economy would quickly grind to a halt.

A relatively small number of key bridges and rail transportation nodes are vital to the smooth and continuous flow of traffic. Likewise, a number of major tunnels handle significant volumes of freight and passenger traffic. A terrorist attack on any one of these facilities could have devastating consequences in terms of lives lost or economic disruption. However, one of the outgrowths of the September 11 tragedies has been a thorough and ongoing assessment of our transportation infrastructure vulnerabilities. We have begun to determine what will be needed to ensure the safety and security of those who ride the nation's railroads and what must be done to ensure the uninterrupted flow of rail freight traffic. Some of these estimates are preliminary, but they do provide a good initial reading of the needs.

On the passenger side, Amtrak estimates that infrastructure protection will require \$417.1 million, ensuring equipment security will cost \$37.4 million, and providing the necessary manpower will cost \$60.6 million. Amtrak will nearly double the number of track inspectors so that they can pay closer attention to ensuring the security of the rights-of-way. In addition, Amtrak requires \$1 billion to make necessary life safety improvements in the tunnels feeding New York's Penn station and to rehabilitate tunnels in Washington, D.C. and Baltimore. An additional \$254 million is needed to increase the accessibility of Penn Station for safety and emergency responders, to renovate critical bridges in Connecticut, and provide for enhanced radio communications in high-speed territory.

On the freight side, the costs of rerouting, increased switching, and express movement of hazardous materials along with increased manpower costs guarding and securing critical nodes, increasing car inspections, and providing employee awareness training has been estimated to be about \$100 million annually. Developing a new railroad operations center to provide continuous links to Federal intelligence agencies and upgrading the security at nearly 100 data and computer centers will require \$200 million in capital costs. Hardening the bridges, tunnels, fuel facilities, hump yards, and other infrastructure assets that have been identified as being critical to the national defense will require \$750 million in up front capital costs.

In addition, we face enormous port security needs. Earlier today, the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation had a hearing on port security at which Department of Transportation Secretary Norm Mineta and U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Jim Loy testified that approximately 95 percent of the tonnage of our Nation's international trade moves by water. Six million loaded containers, 156 million tons of hazardous materials, and nearly one billion tons of petroleum products enter our ports each year. During a major military deployment, 90 percent of our military materials move through our Nation's seaports. We need to better protect port facilities and critical bridges by developing a comprehensive security plan, improving security coordination and planning, deploying sea marshals, and establishing new penalties for criminal acts against vessels and maritime facilities.

I am hopeful that we can work together, on a bipartisan basis, to develop a comprehensive infrastructure security bill that includes this over-the-road bus bill and security for all of our critical infrastructure.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARGARET VAN DER HEIDE AND REBECCA GALUSKA

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

HON. MARTIN OLAV SABO

OF MINNESOTA

HON. KAREN L. THURMAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, today I join with my colleagues, Rep. KIND, Rep. SABO, and Rep. THURMAN in recognition of Margaret Van der Heide and Rebecca Galuska.

In the wake of September 11th, the American people have been donating at a record rate. We donate our money, our possessions, and our precious time to help fellow citizens throughout the nation. These donations are helping people rebuild their lives every day, but there is another type of donation that is desperately needed by Americans all over the country. Today, another seventeen people will be added to the growing list of those who wait for the donation of an organ.

As of November 2, 2001, the United Network for Organ Sharing counted 78,802 patients on its national waiting list for organ donation. Even though 22,953 people successfully received an organ last year giving them new life, another 5,597 people on the list died before an organ became available. They died because of the critical shortage of organ donors. Transplants are now used in the treatment of over 225 diseases; this dramatically increased the number of patients added to the list in the last ten years. However, the number of donors has not increased to keep up with this demand. Due to advances in technology and medicine, people with transplants are able to lead full and healthy lives.

On December 20th of this year, Margaret Van der Heide of Wisconsin will give her daughter, Rebecca Galuska of Minnesota, a new kidney and a chance to live a full and active life. Organ donation is possible for the majority of Americans. I want to encourage all of you to talk with your loved ones about organ donation and get tested to be a donor. You may be able to give the greatest gift of all this holiday season—a new chance at life.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MELODYE FELDMAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual from the State of Colorado and acknowledge her contributions to the peace process in Israel. Through her founding efforts of Building Bridges for Peace, Melodye Feldman has created an organization dedicated to resolving ethnic and religious issues that plague our world today. As a result of her efforts, she has received the Annual Civil

Rights Award from the Mountain States Office of the Anti-Defamation League.

Melodye created Building Bridges for Peace in 1994 in an effort to resolve disputes that arise between two opposing cultures. Every summer, the organization brings young Israeli and Palestinian women together to solve their national differences and one day return to live in peace in Israel. This type of organization is a valuable tool for the people who suffer from hate and discrimination based on religion and background in the Middle East.

Melodye's conflict resolution efforts have been extremely successful. As a result, she plans to expand her organization to include further anti-discrimination education and improve the prospects of peace in other parts of the Middle East. Her hard work and dedication for peaceful communities in the world is a model for aspiring activists throughout this nation. Hopefully, more individuals will take up her cause and promote the need for human rights throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the dedication of Building Bridges for Peace and its founder, Melodye Feldman. Through her efforts, a framework to create a peaceful existence in Israel is possible. This is an issue we face daily when we watch the current events in Israel and the war in Afghanistan. This is an issue to be solved not just by governments and militaries, but also by regular citizens who care about the future of this world. Keep up the good work, good luck in your future endeavors, and congratulations Melodye Feldman on receiving the Annual Civil Rights Award from the Mountain States office of the Anti-Defamation League.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. LOLA REVIS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I stand today in memory of a woman known by many of us here today, Mrs. Lola Revis. Mrs. Revis was co-owner of Sherrill's Bakery and Restaurant on Capitol Hill for over fifty years.

Lola and Samuel Revis purchased the diner from William Sherrill in 1941 and ran the business together. After Samuel suffered a stroke in 1969, Lola continued to operate the diner, and in the 1970s her two daughters, Kathyleen and Dorothy, joined her in the business. Lola ran the diner with her two daughters until she was 94 years old.

Lola Revis was the heart and soul of Sherrill's. In 1989, she and her restaurant were featured in an Academy Award-nominated documentary, "Fine Food, Fine Pastries, Open 6 to 9." The documentary made the antique decor, the simple cuisine, and the remarkable owner the subject of national attention.

It was front-page news in Washington when Sherrill's Bakery and Restaurant closed its doors in July 2000. I still miss my daily breakfast of two slices of plain wheat toast, a bowl of oatmeal and a cup of hot water with a slice of lemon on the side, which cost less than three dollars. I no longer have trouble getting a seat, as four of the booths from Sherrill's currently reside in my office.

Lola was a wonderful, hard-working woman with a truly individual spirit. My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring Mrs. Lola Revis. She will be greatly missed.

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SHERRILL'S RESTAURANT OWNER LOLA REVIS
DIES

(By Adam Bernstein)

Lola M. Revis, 97, who co-owned Sherrill's Bakery and Restaurant on Capitol Hill and was a key personality in an Academy Award-nominated documentary about the legendary eatery that brought it national attention, died Dec. 5 at the Sunrise assisted living facility in Fairfax County. She had dementia and a lung ailment.

Sherrill's, which opened in 1922 and closed in July 2000, was a cherished neighborhood institution that brought together an enormously diverse clientele. Diners at 233 Pennsylvania Ave. SE might be politicians, congressional staffers, employees of the nearby Library of Congress, construction workers or mothers with their children.

Sunday was a notoriously hard day to get a seat, when the place was brimming with young professionals taking their time devouring the newspaper as well as their bacon and eggs.

Prices were low, and two could eat a huge and hearty breakfast for less than \$10.

Known for such comfort foods as creamed beef, eggs, meatloaf chock full of onions, fried fish sticks and T-bone steaks, Sherrill's never garnered rave reviews for its nuts-and-bolts cooking.

The exceptions were mainly on the dessert side. Its eclairs were "excellent," according to one Washington Post food writer. Others considered the gingerbread cookies sublime.

Part of Sherrill's allure was the legendarily abrupt waitstaff. At least one waitress was known to tell a patron to "sit down and shut up" or to eat his dinner before it got cold.

Over the years, some visitors interpreted such brusqueness favorably. There were those who even welcomed it as a sign of humanity compared with the robotic, humorless approach in more fleet or fancy chains.

Sherrill's was far from fancy. Its furniture was emblematic of another era, with its high-back wooden booths and banquettes upholstered with gold-glitter plastic. The linoleum floor dated back more than 50 years.

At the center of it all was a petite woman with black-cat eyeglasses and a beehive hairdo—Mrs. Revis. "When things break down, we don't call a repairman, we call an antique dealer," she told the Maturity News Service in 1990.

Many customers described her as the heart and soul of the place, a woman who believed everyone deserved a home-cooked meal, even on most holidays. She kept the place running 364 days a year, taking a break on Christmas Day.

For much of its existence, hours were 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., with Mrs. Revis taking four buses from her Silver Spring home to arrive at dawn to open the store.

David Petersen, a local lad, walked in one day and discovered a whole new world—more accurately, quite an old world—that resulted in his 1989 documentary about the venerable restaurant. The 28-minute film, "Fine Food, Fine Pastries, Open 6 to 9," was mostly funded by the D.C. Community Humanities Council.

"It's a place that contains time," Petersen once told The Post, "There was a different perspective on the way in which people gathered and ate together that was a complete anachronism."

He added: "I recognized a whole change in the rhythm of the speech people had among

themselves. The conversation. The movement. The way the light comes in—the architecture of the light. All the advertisements, the clocks, the appliances, the rib-trimming around the pastry cases, the booths."

Lola Mamakos, a Pittsburgh native, grew up in Washington and was a graduate of the old Central High School. Her parents were Greek immigrants, and her father owned a candy store that over time became Louie's Bar and Grill, about a block away from Sherrill's.

In 1927, she married restaurateur Samuel A. Revis, who became manager of Louie's. They purchased William Sherrill's diner in 1941 and kept the name.

The Revises ran the business together until Samuel Revis suffered a stroke in 1969; he died in 1975. By the 1970s, their two daughters also were involved, and all three ran it until Mrs. Revis retired at age 94 after falling and injuring her back.

The daughters, Kathylen Belfield Milton of Fairfax and Dorothy Polito of Wheaton, sold the business in July 2000. They wished to retire, and Sherrill's had become too expensive to run in an increasingly gentrified neighborhood.

The end of Sherrill's became the subject of much mourning in the era of the low-fat latte, including a front-page Post article and television coverage.

The family sold Sherrill's to a developer, and a Ritz Camera now occupies the space. A Starbucks is on the same block.

Mrs. Revis once said of the business: "If I stay at home, I have to think too much, I'd rather get out and meet the public. It keeps me young."

She moved from Silver Spring to Sunrise in 1998.

She was a member of St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Washington.

Besides her daughters, survivors include five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JASON PAUL HUBER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Jason Paul Huber has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and,

Whereas, Jason Huber has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and,

Whereas, Jason Huber has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and,

Whereas, Jason Huber has kindly built a deck and set of stairs for Jefferson Lake State Park; and,

Whereas, Jason Huber must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award; and,

Therefore, I join with the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Jason Paul Huber for his Eagle Scout Award.

TOO MANY FEDERAL COPS

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I am inserting in the RECORD a copy of an article by former cabinet member Joseph Califano that appeared in today's Washington Post. I call this article entitled "Too Many Federal Cops," to the attention of Members. It presents a balanced and even-handed assessment of how successive administrations over the decades have expanded Federal police powers at considerable cost to our endangered civil liberties.

I wholeheartedly agree with the points raised by Mr. Califano, having spoken in this House concerning the same topic on many occasions. I wish to commend Mr. Califano for his timely and important piece, and recommend it to Members and others concerned with preserving civil liberties.

TOO MANY FEDERAL COPS

(By Joseph A. Califano Jr.)

As defense lawyers and civil libertarians huff and puff about Attorney General John Ashcroft's procedural moves to bug conversations between attorneys and their imprisoned clients, hold secret criminal military trials and detain individuals suspected of having information about terrorists, they are missing an even more troubling danger: the extraordinary increase in federal police personnel and power.

In the past, interim procedural steps, such as the military tribunals Franklin Roosevelt established during World War II to try saboteurs, have been promptly terminated when the conflict ended. Because of its likely permanence, the expansion and institutionalization of national police power poses a greater threat to individual liberties. Congress should count to 10 before creating any additional police forces or a Cabinet-level Office of Homeland Security.

Pre-Sept. 11, the FBI stood at about 27,000 in personnel; Drug Enforcement Administration at 10,000; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms at 4,000; Secret Service at 6,000; Border Patrol at 10,000; Customs Service at 12,000; and Immigration and Naturalization Service at 34,000. At the request of the White House, Congress is moving to beef up these forces and expand the number of armed air marshals from a handful to more than a thousand. Despite the president's objection, Congress recently created another security force of 28,000 baggage screeners under the guidance of the attorney general.

In 1878 Congress passed the Posse Comitatus Act to prohibit the military from performing civilian police functions. Over Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's opposition, President Ronald Reagan declared drug trafficking a threat to national security as the rationale for committing the military to the war on drugs. (Weinberger argued that "reliance on military forces to accomplish civilian tasks is detrimental to . . . the democratic process.") Reagan's action gives George Bush a precedent for committing the military and National Guard to civilian police duty at airports and borders.

Given the president's candor about the likelihood that the war on terrorism will last many years, the administration and a compliant Congress are in clear and present danger of establishing a national police force and—under either the attorney general, director of homeland security or an agency combining the CIA and State and Defense intelligence (or some combination of the above)—a de facto ministry of the interior.

The fact that George Bush has no intention of misusing such institutions is irrelevant. You don't have to be a bad guy to abuse police power. Robert Kennedy, a darling of liberals, brushed aside civil liberties concerns when he went after organized crime and trampled on the rights of Jimmy Hoffa in his failed attempt to convict the Teamsters boss of something. He bugged and trailed Martin Luther King Jr., even collecting information on the civil rights leader's private love life, until Lyndon Johnson put a stop to it.

Bureaucratic momentum alone can cross over the line. After President John F. Kennedy privately berated the Army for being unprepared to quell the riots when James Meredith enrolled at the University of Mississippi, we (I was Army general counsel at the time) responded by collecting intelligence information on individuals such as

civil rights leaders, as well as local government officials in places where we thought there might be future trouble. We were motivated not by any mischievous desire to violate privacy or liberties of Americans but by the bureaucratic reflex not to be caught short again.

In the paranoia of Watergate, the CIA followed a Washington Post report for weeks, even photographing him through the picture window of his home, because he had infuriated the president and the agency with a story containing classified information. Faced with our discovery (I was The Post's lawyer at the time), CIA Director William Colby readily admitted that "someone had gone too far."

All 100 members of the Senate voted to create the newest federal police force under the rubric of airport security. In its rush to judgment, the Senate acted as though a federal

force was the only alternative to using the airlines or private contractors. Quite the contrary, policing by the individual public airport authorities, guided by federal standards, would be more in line with our tradition of keeping police power local.

It's time for the executive and Congress to take a hard look at the police personnel amassing at the federal level and the extent to which we are concentrating them under any one individual short of the president. Congress should turn its most skeptical laser on the concept of an Office of Homeland Security and on any requests to institutionalize its director beyond the status of a special assistant to the president. We have survived for more than 200 years without a ministry of the interior or national police force, and we can effectively battle terrorism without creating one now.